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Comment Of The Day

Four Tons

CONGRATULATIONS go to the men at Cape Canaveral for putting into orbit an ICBM weighing almost four tons—twice as heavy as the biggest Russian Sputnik. Coupled with the sensational flights of two lunar probes earlier this year, the latest developments in American rocketry give the West hope that it has not completely caught up in this field. It is now lying a close second and challenging for first place.

It is to be hoped that the latest achievement is followed up by other demonstrations of American progress. The Russians have been strangely silent on rocket developments in the last six months. And they are famous for springing surprises which invariably catch the West flat-footed and throw Washington into a turmoil.

The Soviet success with its second dog-carrying spunk and its later and heavier Sputnik 3 stress that Russia has already solved many of the problems which America is only now unravelling. Its next space project will show whether it is maintaining a lead. But we may safely expect that Russia will not make another move until it is sure of a sensation.

The West has unfortunately developed a complex that regimented State science is superior to competitive industrial science. It has been reinforced by our lack of success in this rather childish contest of one-up-manship. We cannot avoid trying to emulate the achievements of our rivals for broadly the targets of our rockets are similar. Nor can we avoid flapping when we come off second best. But our best bet is not to play the Russian game of springing the occasional sensation. Leave the odd Star Shells to the Russians but let the West hold the eyes of the world with an impressive and regular display of Roman Candles.

EISENHOWER'S VOICE BEAMED FROM AMERICA'S ATLAS SATELLITE X'MAS MESSAGE FROM SPACE

Received Loud And Clear

Washington, Dec. 19. President Eisenhower's voice was beamed from outer space by a pullman-size U.S. satellite today with an emotion-packed plea for "Peace On Earth and Goodwill Toward Men Everywhere."

The President's Christmas message to the world, was broadcast from the huge Atlas as it tumbled at 17,000 miles per hour through space.

After Christmas, Defence Department officials said, a New Year's message from the President will be sent to the satellite for relay back to earth.

SATELLITE COST \$1M

Washington, Dec. 19. Defence Department officials today estimated that the Atlas satellite successfully placed in orbit around the earth yesterday cost about one million dollars. They also estimated that it has cost the United States about \$25,000 million in all to keep abreast of the Soviet Union in this field. This amount, they said, included the enormous cost of developing guided missiles for defence purposes, as well as adapting them for space projects.—Reuter.

His voice came through clearly, the first voice ever broadcast from space. Said the President: "This is the President of the United States speaking. Through the marvels of scientific advance, my voice is coming to you from a satellite circling in outer space."

Simple One

"My message is a simple one. Through this unique means I convey to you and to all mankind America's wish for peace on earth and goodwill toward men everywhere."

The message and the accompanying technical accomplishments of the orbiting Atlas was

certain to have a shattering effect around the world. The President's voice was clearly recognisable although a little scratchy in quality. It was piped from Cape Canaveral, Florida, where the space broadcast was picked up by the Pentagon and thence to the White House.

Eisenhower's message was recorded on tape at the White House last Thursday by the Army Signal Corps. The tape was rushed to Cape Canaveral and fed into the miniature broadcasting station of the giant Atlas before the missile shot into space last night.

The President went to Hagerty's office and listened attentively as his own voice came through the loudspeaker from the satellite. The voice was strong except for this sentence which the President said "My message is a simple one."

Eisenhower was the first to note the garbled sentence but said that it doesn't hurt the meaning at all. "That's one of the astounding things again in this age of invention," the President said as he left "to return to his own office. 'Maybe the next thing they'll do is televise picture.'"

Another

Hagerty was asked whether the President would dispatch another message from the satellite which is designed to pick up broadcasts from earth stations and play them back on cue. "I don't think by any stretch of the imagination that this is going to be the last message broadcast through the satellite," Hagerty replied.

The messages can be received on shortwave radio. The Defence Department said it is transmitting on 132.45 and 132.905 megacycles. Stations around the world can monitor the broadcast.—U.P.I. and Reuter.

Family Of UK Cabinet Adviser Found With Throats Cut

London, Dec. 19. The wife and two sons of Thomas Eardley Bromley, British Cabinet adviser on defence matters, were today found with their throats cut in their home at Haslemere, near London.

The two boys, Martin (13) and Stephen (10) were dead. Mrs. Diana Marion Bromley was tonight in a serious condition in hospital.

The Surrey County police said they thought the killings were done with a razor.

TOKYO CONSUL

Bromley, who served as Consul in Tokyo, Washington, Bagdad and Denver (U.S.A.), and who was in Cyprus and Port Said during the Suez conflict, is 47.

He reached the top grade of the Foreign Service in 1954 and was transferred to the Ministry of Defence in 1957.

His wife is the daughter of Sir John Pritt, retired senior Foreign Office official, whose brother, the actor, Boris Karloff, was a prewar star of "horror" movies.

So far, the Chief Constable of Surrey, in charge of the enquiry, has not called in Scotland Yard.—France-Press.

Malta Talks Fail

London, Dec. 19. Talks here on Malta's constitutional future have failed to reach general agreement, a colonial office statement disclosed tonight.

The talks, spread over five weeks, have been between Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, and political leaders from the island colony.—Reuter.

TODAY'S TIPS

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RACE 2

Million Dollar
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John Halifax
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RACE 3

Million Bonus
Cursey
Another Victory
Outsider—Sheng Chun.

RACE 4

Sping
Supersonic
How Do I Know
Outsider—Sydney.

RACE 5

Distant Sky
Manxman
Korova
Outsider—Constellation.

RACE 6

Ambition
Ariel
Princess Ellen
Outsider—Courageous.

RACE 7

Reyes
Hallmark
Tabitha T.
Outsider—Miracle.

RACE 8

Gt. Mihl
Mak Guid
Follow Me
Outsider—Carrie.

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Race 3—Million Bonus; Race 4—Supersonic.

CYPRIOT WOMEN STONE TROOPS

Nicosia, Dec. 19. A total of eight British soldiers were injured today when Greek Cypriot women stoned a patrol in Letybous village, West Cyprus, it was officially reported.

Two policemen were also injured in another clash. The patrol commander ordered his men to shoot over the women's heads, the statement said, and one woman was injured because she was standing on high ground.

The communique added that the troops had asked a group of Greek Cypriot men to wipe off anti-British slogans on a wall, and that the men were quietly complying when the women, assembling in the town square, opened up a barrage of stones.

The officer, who told them to disperse was reportedly hit by the flying objects, and then ordered his men to open fire. One soldier was sent to hospital.—France-Press.

Soviet General's Warning

Berlin, Dec. 19. General M. V. Zahrarov, Soviet Armed Forces Commander in Germany, tonight warned General H. I. Hodges, U.S. Army Commander in Europe, that the Soviet Army will inflict a devastating defeat on Western allied troops if they attempt to force their way through to Berlin.—U.P.I.

Rotten Eggs Thrown At His Eighth Wedding

Ipsch, Dec. 19. A CHINESE going through his eighth wedding was showered with rotten eggs, the Magistrate's court, was told today. Charged with disorderly conduct was a 23-year-old mother of an infant son whose father was taking his eighth wife. She admitted having thrown rotten eggs at the bridegroom just as he was about to enter his bridal car with his newly acquired wife after the wedding ceremony in the premises of the Fong On Association.

The accused woman told the magistrate, "he deserved the rotten eggs. He lived with me for six months and put me in the funny way. Then he paid no attention and went to look for another girl. He has been living with several girls and made some of them pregnant. From one of them he even borrowed money to buy a car. He is bad-hearted and that's why I threw the eggs at him."

Detective Sergeant Goon Siew Fook confirmed in court that it was the groom's eighth wedding. Magistrate Inche Ibrahim, Bin Abdul Manan told the woman accused "under the circumstances I admonish and discharge you. Don't do it again."—U.P.I.

Why Appeal Court Dismissed Charge Against Bishop

Florence, Dec. 19. A Florence court of appeals said today it acquitted Roman Catholic Bishop of Prato of a defamation charge because he acted within his spiritual rights in labelling as "sinners" a Catholic-born couple married outside the church.

Bulgarian Group Criticised Again

Moscow, Dec. 19. The Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party today endorsed Premier Nikita Khrushchev's report on agriculture, and took another crack at Bulgarian, Melnikov and other members of the "anti-party" group.

The decree said the anti-party group "attempted to prevent the implementation of the course worked out at the 20th Congress of the party on all the most important questions of home and foreign policy."

Thus, the official Soviet news agency, said that the Central Committee, has "fully approved" the Khrushchev report on the work done during the last five years.

The committee adopted a 20,000-word resolution at the meeting making detailed recommendations for increased agricultural production. The recommendations included substantial concessions to collective farmers, including reductions in compulsory deliveries to the state, and cancellation of back deliveries, which had not been made.—U.P.I.

The court today deposited a detailed 44-page explanation of its verdict of Oct. 25 fully acquitting Bishop Pietro Fiordelli and Parish Priest Don Danilo Ajazzi of the charges.

The verdict reversed the Bishop's conviction by a lower court last March 1, an event which stirred Italy's worst church-state controversy in 40 years.

The lower court had indicted a suspended 40,000-lire (221) fine on Bishop Fiordelli.

CANNOT CENSURE

The Florence Court of Appeals said that article one of the 1929 Concordat which regulates relations between the state of Vatican City and Italy "admits (for the church) the free exercise of operational and jurisdictional power and therefore the State cannot censure an action committed by a priest in the exercise of his spiritual ministry."

The court also said that Bishop Fiordelli only wanted to deplore the "spiteful repudiation of the sacrament of matrimony" by the Bellandi couple, and his action could not be censured under any provisions of Italian penal law.

The court said Bishop Fiordelli used the words "sinner" and "concubine" as "technical terms" in condemning the Bellandi couple under the church Canon Law.—U.P.I.

Supreme Soviet

London, Dec. 19. The Supreme Soviet will begin meetings tomorrow in the Kremlin, Radio Moscow said today. The main session of the Soviet—the nation's Parliament—starts on December 22.—U.P.I.

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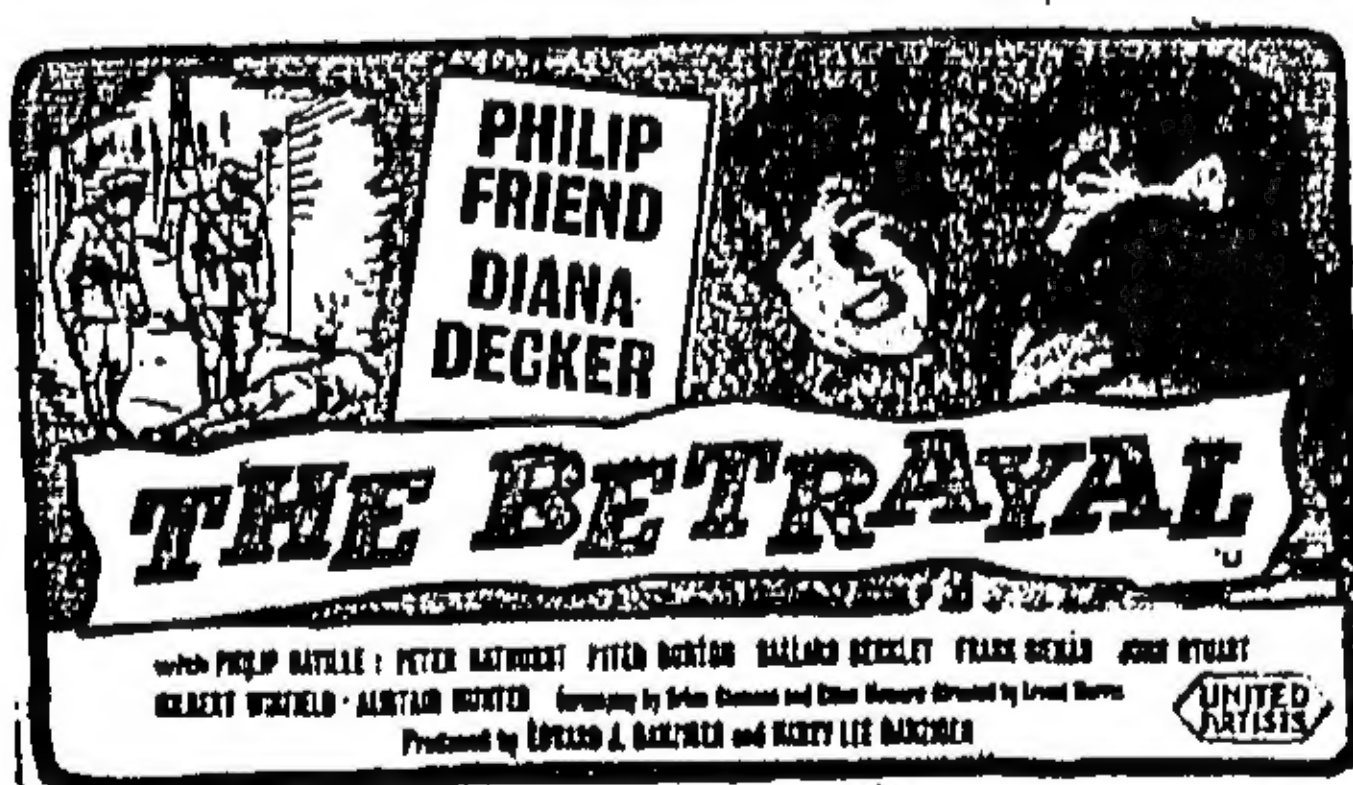
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FILMS CURRENT & COMING

by ANTHONY FULLER

YOU might remember that at the beginning of the year, I named "Across the Bridge" as being, in my opinion, the finest film of 1957. What was more, I said it had taken a British film to reveal what an outstanding actor Rod Steiger is.

For the first time in his film career, someone had seen him, and recognised the enormous potential he had for parts when called for that sullen, even childish, brutality he could portray.

Until then, Hollywood saw him as a tough Indian fighter, or a bold rough rider. "Across the Bridge" gave him his chance, and I ventured the opinion he would stay in England to obtain such dramatic roles as were suited to his fine characterisation.

It has not worked out quite like that. America has seen at last what an actor was being wasted on Cowboy and Indian, second rate features. The point of this is, he has now been selected to play Al Capone in the story of that name.

It might be asked, why bring that surfaced horror back to the screen, and why waste millions of dollars and acting talent gilding a wretched punk, whose only civic accomplishment in his career from altar boy to vice master of Chicago, was to kill off punks like himself.

I can answer only for myself. While Chicago was news, I was interested. I was a gangster film fan and even now I am the same. MGM's "Party Girl," which comes along soon, is a film of the Al Capone vintage, which I have followed with interest.

Men's obsession with evil is of interest; academically, we call it a social document, but the real reason why such periods always attract the writer and artist, are, as I have said, the substance of a society which allows and even encourages men who deny every ethic of decency and citizenship, to rise to power on corruption, vice, dope, and filth.

For Capone could never have risen to power had he not had the police, the Civic Authorities, certain journalists and others in his power. So this film will serve a dual purpose. Enormous research has gone into the script, and it will emerge as a fine social document, as well as a medium for the undoubted qualities of Rod Steiger as an actor.

★
"EAST of Eden"

Showing at the Lee and Astor, is Ella Kazan's production of John Steinbeck's great novel.

There are two good reasons for re-issuing this film. The first is that it represents the work of a great writer, one of the greatest of this century. As long as I have read Steinbeck, I have interpreted his writing as an enormous query flung at the infinite. Why do men, who entertain such hopes and aspirations of themselves, behave as they do?

The theme hounds Steinbeck, and whether it is the short story, or a novel the length of

★
"TEN Tall Men," is

one of these glamour pictures of the French Foreign Legion, where you sign on and no questions are asked. The current showing is from a Columbia reprint of the film that rose on the crest of a romantic wave a few years ago.

In case you don't remember, or never saw it before, it has Burt Lancaster as a soldier of fortune, sergeant over a group of men who venture into the treacherous desert to intercept the Riffs.

Instead of capturing the Riffs, they capture Jody Lawrence, a Riff Princess. With the girl in their midst, they start a fight among them-

selves as to whom is to carry the loot home.

Also, such things as sandstorms (Hollywood wind machine versions) make the going exceedingly tough.

However, as you can guess before you take the seat ticket at the box office, come sand, come Riffs from the four corners of the earth, they will not shake Lancaster, nor his Legion buddies, Gilbert Roland, Kieron Moore, and George Tobias.

A most delightful desert, a most romantic camp, no flies, no smells, sheer Arabian Nights fantasy, with the boys playing soldiers, at the King's and Princess.

★
"SON of Robin Hood,"

British made CinemaScope and Eastman Colour fantasy, built around the survivors and heirs of the immortal Robin, is a film that entertains from beginning to end.

This is surprising insofar that excepting Marius Goring, there is not a name in the cast known to the ordinary cinemagoer. The success of the film is undoubtedly due to George Sherman, the producer. For a film of its kind, immense trouble has been taken to ascertain the correct atmosphere, and there are a few of those irritating anachronisms which are always spotted by the bright child in the audience.

The green and pleasant pastures of Sherwood Forest, the

twang of the bow-string, the buzz of the arrow, the clash of the crossed swords, the flight of the falcon, the pursuit by the mailed cavaliers, the swarm of arrows in lofty flight fired from the undergrowth of Sherwood. What more could a boy ask?

The tale is the old tale, but it's ever anew, and I can think of nothing better to delight the family, than a visit to the Roxy or Broadway, to see "Son of Robin Hood."

★
"THE LAST WAGON"

A drama of cross purposes, which brings an American Officer a Court Martial, arising out of alleged collaboration with the enemy during

the Korean War. Richard Widmark; Richard Basehart; with Dolores Michaels, June Lockhart, and Carl Benton Reid.

★
"TEN Tall Men,"

Burt Lancaster in a re-issue reprint of a romantic Foreign Legion story, which ends up with the capture, of a Riff Princess, Jody Lawrence. Also Gilbert Roland, Kieron Moore, and George Tobias.

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"THE SHERIFF OF FRAC-TURED JAW"

20th Century-Fox British comedy. The Western to end all Westerns. Film has Ken More as British valet flogging guns in the West, and incidentally elected the Sheriff. Every rag the Westerns use is gaped in this rollicking rollicking funster. Kenneth More; Jayne Mansfield; and Henry Hall.

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"THE SQUARE FEG"

Norman Wisdom's latest comedy flows here for Christmas. Wisdom takes over the film as a medium for his considerable box of tricks. Pure

farce, World War II background with Norman the unconscious hero of the Pioneer Corps. Also Honor Blackman; Gail Patrick; Singer; Edward Chapman; and Hattie Jacques.

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Every small boy, and girl to boot, will love these dark deep dungeons, cells, where David Farrar for sixty minutes of the film, keeps his instruments of torture, working us into such a frustrated rage that we cheer right merrily when the last light of the day leaves Deering Hood master of the field and the castle.

Well, my masters, sparing breath, and type, I should say that this film is made to the order of every adventurous child.

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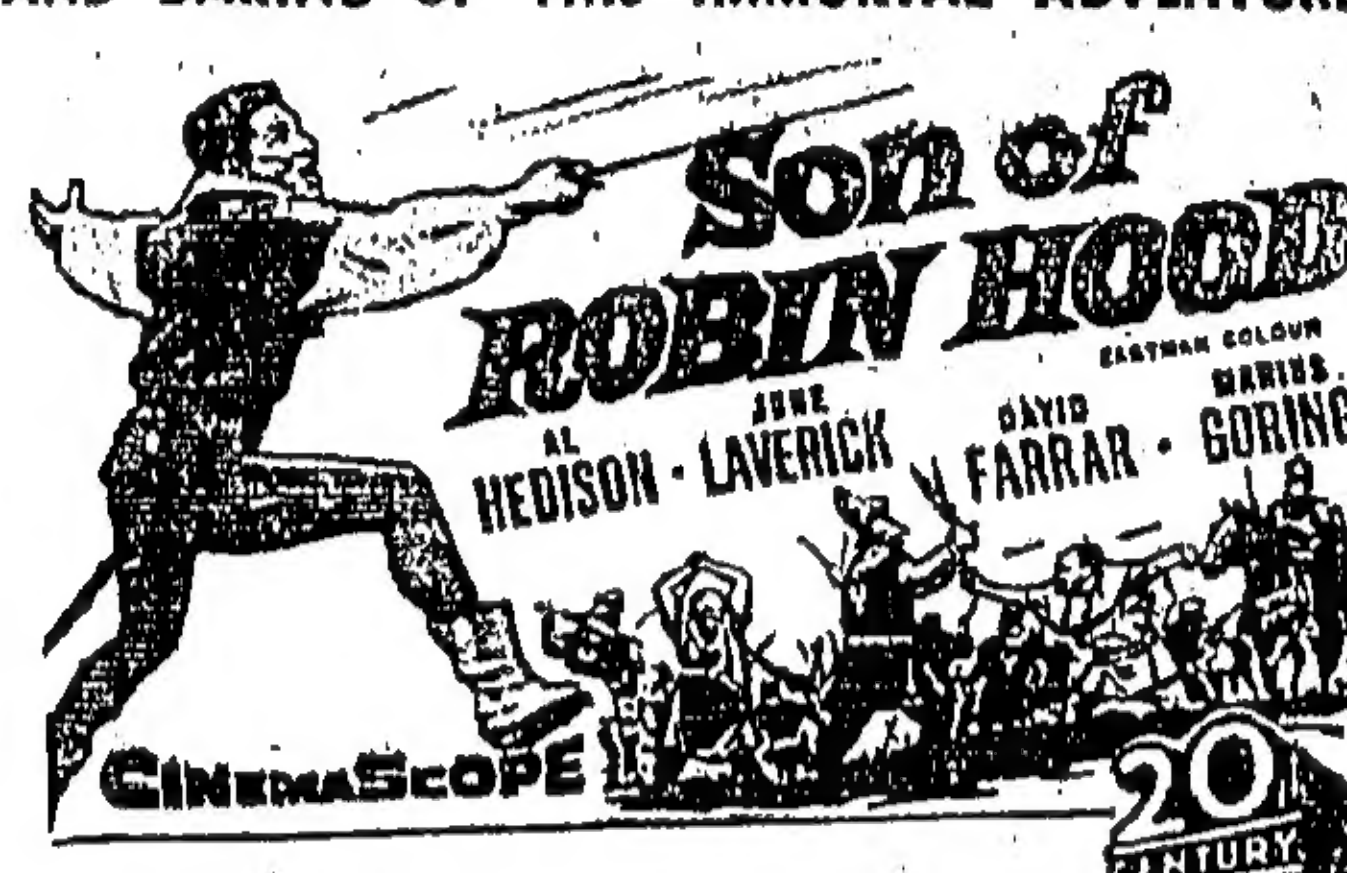
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Ghost 'Kicked Out' Of Haunt

Caesarean Operation Makes History



Firm friends—and 9½-month-old Charlotte Ball offers to share her food with the Caesarean-born puppies.

Puppies Born After Their Mother Dies

London.
FOURTEEN puppies have been born by Caesarean operation after the mother died, it was revealed last week. Two of the puppies are still alive.

Had Not Paid Her Bill For 300 Years

Usk, Wales.
THE sad saga of beautiful, unhappy ghost came to an end here last week when a spiritualist claimed he had kicked her out of the inn she had haunted for 300 years.

Some ten persons, including newsmen, listened while spiritualist Jewell Williams told the beautiful, blonde of the 17th century that she was finally being tossed out of room three of the 600-year-old Cross Keys Inn in Wales.

Roland Hoffman, host of the inn, said the beautiful ghost had to go because she kept opening and shutting her bedroom door in the dead of night and had not paid the bill for three hundred years.

The Father

According to spiritualist Williams, the beautiful ghost's father locked her up in the room because he disapproved of her choice of husband.

He said the lady who became the ghost could not stand the solitude and put an end to it all with a dose of her own poison.

But according to Williams, her end was just the beginning of 300 years as resident ghost at the Cross Keys.

Her habit of opening the bedroom door anytime anyone passed scared the staff and guests of the ancient hostelry. Williams had to go into a trance to get rid of her. During the hour he was under the trance Williams claimed he was under the control of "Doctor Philip Hammond." His recipe for removing the beautiful ghost was very simple.

'Go Back'

"Go from here," he said, "why annoy these people by opening and closing the doors all the time? Go back to your own people and leave this place alone."

Then Williams snapped out of his trance to announce the beautiful ghost had taken the hint and left.

"There will be no more trouble here. If the doctor has sent her back to her own people she will not come back again," he claimed.

Later that night the door of room three was still closed and there was no sign of the return of the Cross Keys' beautiful but non-paying guest.—U.P.I.

UNWANTED CARS JAM STREETS

New York.
EVERY year at this time, about 100 New York motorists a week park their cars, remove the licence plates, walk away and never return.

This seasonal phenomenon has just reached a record figure, with 885 abandoned or unclaimed stolen cars crowding the Police Department's three garages and 100 more jamming the streets.

Police Commissioner James Kennedy has made a special plea to motorists to turn their unwanted cars over to scrap dealers.

Many motorists choose this season to abandon their cars, said Kennedy, because they are reluctant to pay the high price of winter maintenance on old models.



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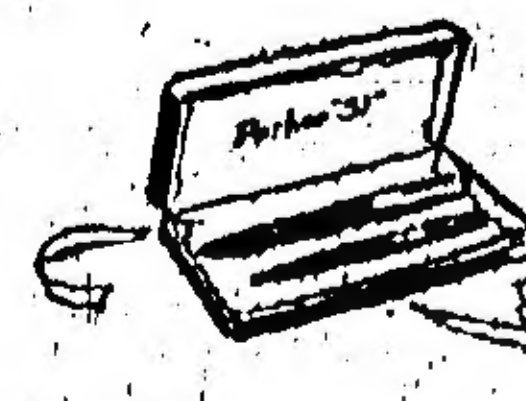
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THE PERFECT BUTLER WASN'T SO PERFECT!

London.

A MAN recently deported from the United States was sentenced to seven years in gaol last week for a robbery staged while he posed as the perfect butler.

Bernard Mason, 39, alias Derek Steadman and also known as "The Mad Drummer of Broadmoor" was hired two years ago as a butler by Col. W. G. Horton.

"I have done for some of the best families," he told Horton when he applied for the job.

Eleven days later he left the Colonel with £9,800 of Horton's cash and jewels. He went to the United States, where he married. He was arrested a month ago.

His record includes rape, wounding, robbery with violence, and fraud, for a total of more than 100 crimes. He also twice escaped from Broadmoor, a prison for the criminally insane.

It was there, as drummer with the inmates band, he earned his nickname "The Mad Drummer."—U. P. I.

Indulgence

Eastbourne.
THE city medical officer said his only case of food poisoning here last year involved a party of health officials. They "indulged in oysters found to be of doubtful origin," he said.—U.P.I.

This is probably the first time puppies born three days before they were due have been saved and reared, said their owner, Mrs. Sheila Ball, of London Road, Leicester.

The mother, Heloise of Lisblanc, a Pyrenean mountain dog, died three days before she was due to whelp.

Mrs. Ball, who owns six Pyreneans and nine cats, told me of the fight for the puppies' lives.

Food problem

"The vet performed the operation as soon as Heloise—we used to call her 'Wheely'—died and we found ourselves with 14 puppies," she said. "We rubbed them with rough towels and managed to get some life into two of them. Then came the problem of feeding."

"Altogether four foster mothers—a dachshund, an alsatian, and two beagles—had to be called on to save the puppies, now three months old."

"The first foster mother, Maria, a dachshund, was hurried from a breeder friend, Mrs. Wyand, of Thrushington, 14 miles away, at one o'clock in the morning. For a few hours Maria was stand-in mother."

"Next mother was alsatian Chlooe from the same kennels.... again a temporary measure."

Beagle takes over

"Then a beagle, Sherry, belonging to Mrs. Herrick, of Hartley, 30 miles away, took over. She fed the pups for a week. Fourth and last mother was Chlooe, another beagle belonging to Mrs. Herrick."

Mrs. Harper Trole-Fenigues, of Hyde Heath, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, one of Britain's leading dog breeders, who first brought the Pyrenean mountain dog to Britain, said yesterday: "In 25 years' experience I have never heard of anything like this."

Wife Had A Preview Of Her Death

Swindon.

A SHAKEN British rail-ways machinist told a coroner's inquest that his wife had dreamed a preview of her death, which then came horribly true.

Alfred R. Strange said his wife, 26-year-old Beryl Jean Strange, loved walking, and was in the habit of walking with their three children to a certain stretch of railway line near here.

"She once had a horrible dream about being caught on that line and it shook her up," Strange said.

DECAPITATED

Not long afterward, she was found decapitated along that same stretch of railway line.

"Her dream is what made me think, please God, that she might have done it in her sleep," Strange said.

Coroner Harold Dale returned a verdict of "suicide while her mind was unhinged by ill-health."—U.P.I.

RAT-CATCHER ORDERED AFTER THE GLIS-GLIS

London.
The local rat-catcher was ordered to catch the glis-glis who ate the cuffs off a councillor's pants.

The cuffs apparently tasted fine to the glis-glis. They didn't just nibble—they gobbled them down in large mouthfuls.

The unidentified councillor's complaint sparked an investigation by the local health housing and town planning committee. It turned in its report.

Glis-glis, the reports said, are rat-like creatures with bushy tails. Some years ago a pair

escaped from a nearby private zoo. They have multiplied. Housewives canvassed by "investigators" said the glis-glis live in their houses in the winter and in trees in the summer. Since the original pair stopped some years ago, none has been caught alive.—U.P.I.

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HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



ABOVE: In London recently: Duncan Ronald —alias television's "Cisco Kid." He is in Britain on a goodwill mission, in which he will speak to his fans in children's hospitals throughout the country. Cisco Kid television shows are now screened regularly in 23 countries. The films are dubbed into six languages: Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, French and Tagalog.



RIGHT: Rehearsing in London for the Rodgers and Hammerstein Christmas pantomime "Cinderella"—British rock 'n' roll king Tommy Steele (Buttons) and cabaret singer Yana (Cinderella).

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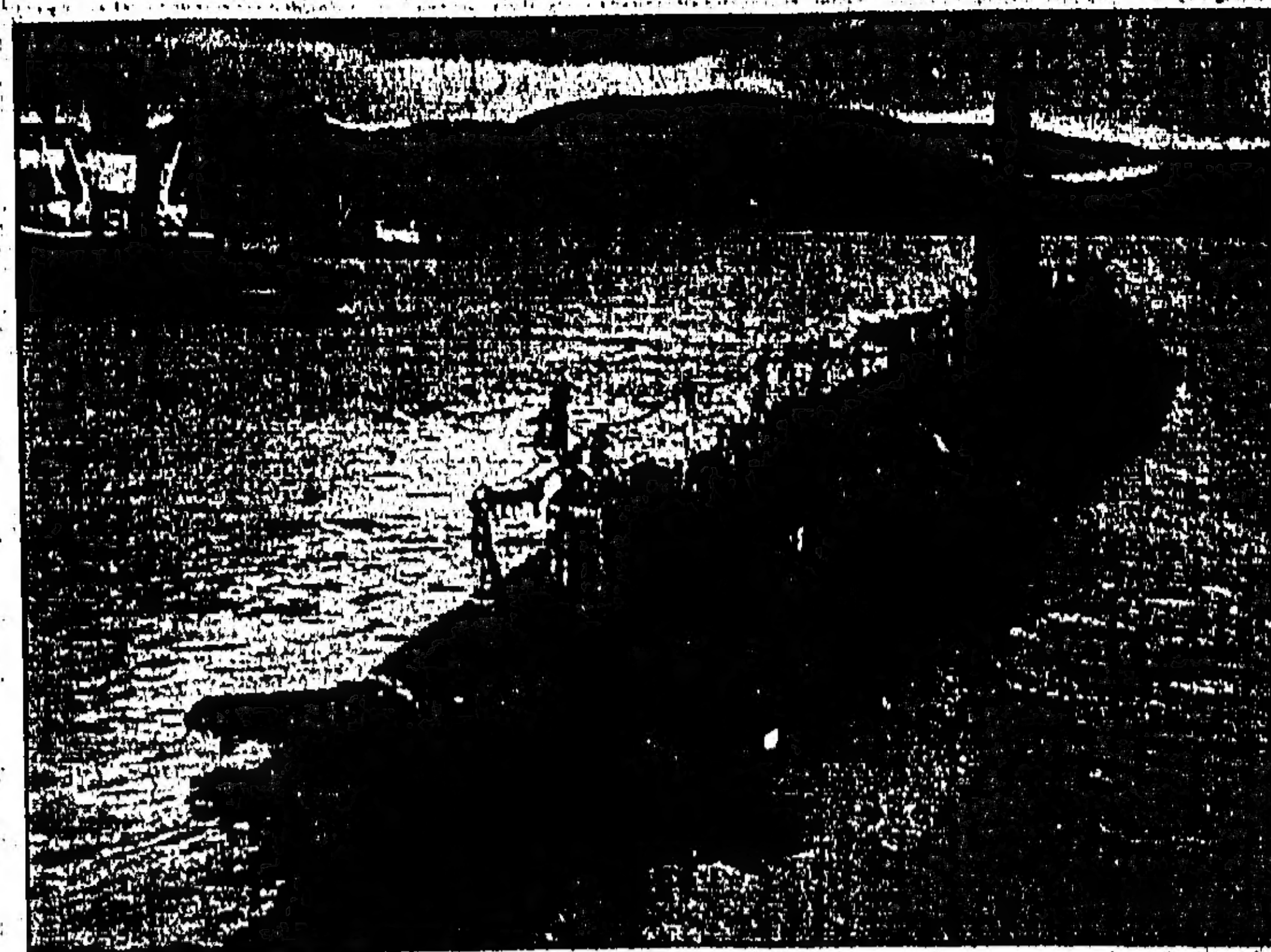


ABOVE: Princess Margaret smiling at a recent charity preview, in London of the American musical "West Side Story," which deals with a group of juvenile delinquents in a tough area of New York. The Princess has had a long-playing record of the show's tunes for over a year, and she enjoyed the performance so much that she went backstage immediately after the final curtain and shook hands with the whole cast—the first time she has done so. "I am still out of breath," she told them, "The show was great fun."



ABOVE: Baroness Thyssen, formerly British model Fiona Campbell-Walter, is seen in London with her six-month-old baby Francesca. They were reunited after a two-week separation—Baron and Baroness Thyssen had been holidaying for two weeks in Jamaica. From Jamaica they want to New York.

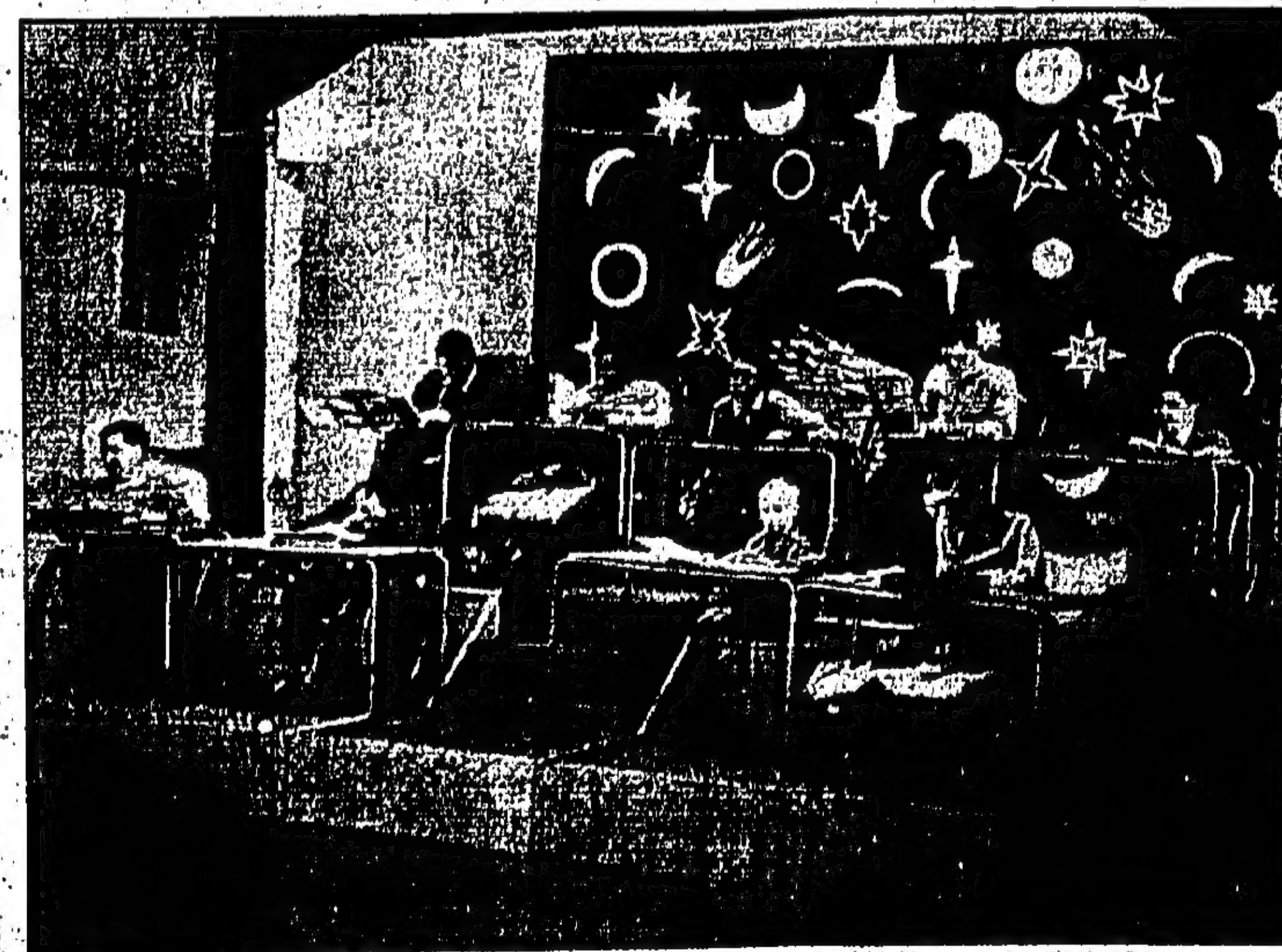
BELOW: Five young missionaries murdered recently by Indians in the remote jungles of Ecuador probably died because the natives mistook them for a military expedition on the hunt for wives. This is the theory of 45-year-old American naturalist Dean Blanchard. Mr. Blanchard is currently visiting London with his wife Caroline and 14-year-old daughter Pringle, both pictured here with him.



ABOVE: Britain's Royal Navy captured a new underwater record recently when the submarine Templar was raised from the waters of Loch Striven, Scotland, after being submerged for three-and-a-half years. Immediately a signal was flashed to the Admiralty in London: "Claim new underwater record for Royal Navy. Sub Templar raised. No casualties." No one was surprised at the lack of casualties—the submarine had carried no crew when she was sunk in June 1955. Commented Commander Alan Craig of the 3rd Submarine Squadron: "The Royal Navy is very proud of this day. We have captured from America the underwater record for a submarine. After all, 3½ years makes the effort of the U.S. atomic submarine Skate look puny. She could stay under for only 31 days."



LEFT: Popular young German screen actor Horst Buchholz was married recently in London to French actress Miriam Bru. Horst, who is making his first film in Britain, took time out for a registry office ceremony at Caxton Hall. It was a rushed wedding: Horst had difficulty getting away from the studio and Miriam had to buy her own ring.



ABOVE: Nine young sufferers from muscular dystrophy (a fatal, incurable, wasting disease) gave a concert of carols recently in a Dartford, England, hospital, to raise money for a research fund into muscular dystrophy. The singers, all boys aged from 12 to 18, had been practising daily for the past six weeks for the two-hour concert. They raised more than £7 to add to the £200 they have already collected for the fund. Here is a view of the concert.



ABOVE: Pakhar Singh, a 21-year-old Sikh, walked, hitch-hiked and cycled the 15,000-mile journey from Malaya to Catterick, England, to enlist as a trooper in the 10th Hussars. But Army regulations insisted that Pakhar Singh would have to shave off his beard and cut his long hair, both of which are required by his religion. As you can see, however, all's well now: the Duke of Gloucester, who is Colonel of the Regiment, has said Pakhar Singh can regrow his beard and wear a turban.

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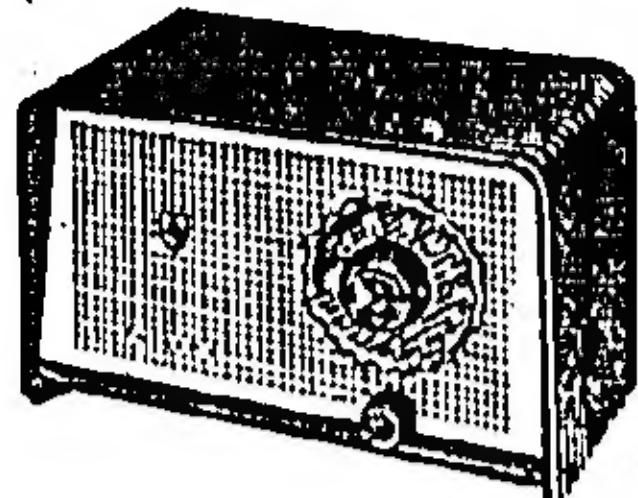
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ROWNTREES



THIS HONGKONG.....starting a new series by China Mail writer John Luff

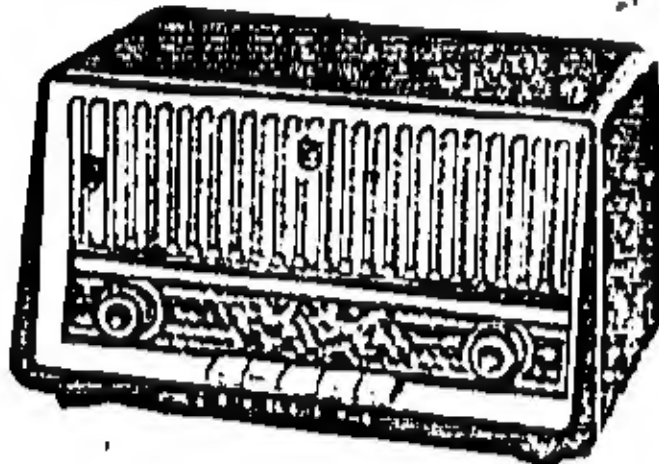
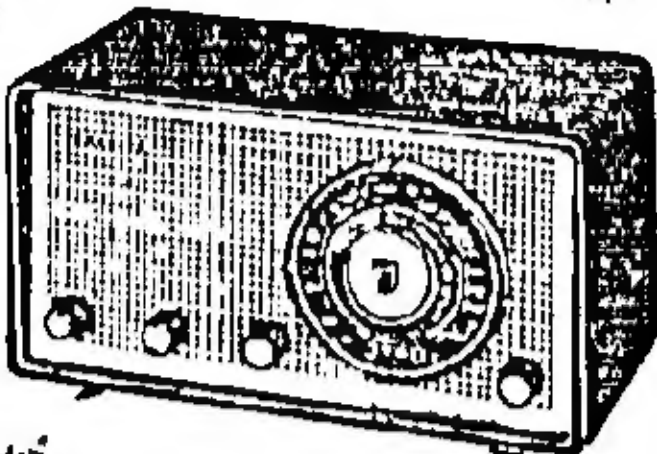
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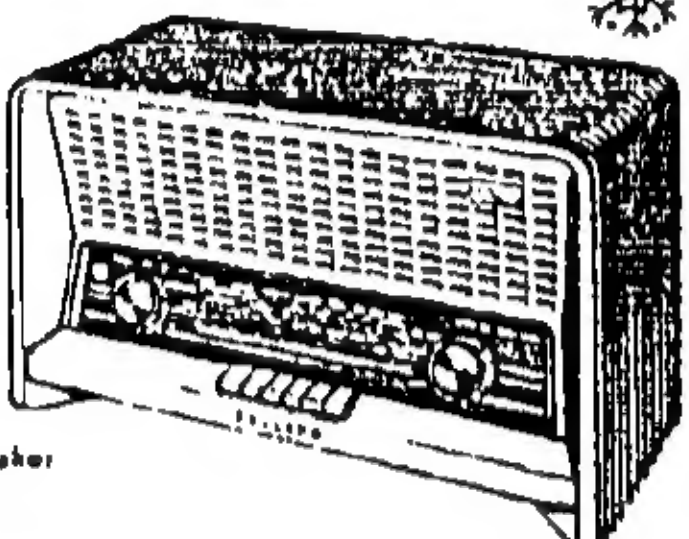


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Gentlemen Of The Press

HONGKONG'S main link with the past lies in the library of the Supreme Court. Heavy volumes of the Colony's first newspapers, of which the China Mail is the sole survivor, contain fascinating accounts of the birth and slow growth of an almost uninhabited and desolate rocky island to the great metropolis it is now. Here is the story of those newspapers—and of the men who ran them under grim and often dangerous conditions.

ONE day, early in the year 1834, a huge white-sailed ship winged its way wearily up the Pearl River and anchored before the British factories at Canton. Somewhere, deep in its holds were some very heavy cases, and they took a bit of manhandling to get ashore.

However, after much heaving and groaning they were delivered into a room on the British site, and unpacked.

A touch of oil here, a polish there, a sorting out of type—and the first British paper was waiting to be set.

If John Slade had a job to get his printing materials, he had plenty of news, for those were high times. It would seem he was both type-setter and editor, although why he found the urge to print a paper at that particular moment, I do not know.

Certainly opinions were divided. The local foreign merchants were fed up to the teeth. Equally fed up were the native merchants. So was Chinese officialdom. And with so many hard-headed equally determined men there was bound to be a bust up.

The results of that flare-up are now a matter of history, and comment has no place here, save as to what the first newspaper in the Far East had to say.

The Canton Register went around the community, and its object seems to have been to form a single purpose among men, hard-headed men, who all considered their own idea the best one.

But this they had in common. They wanted a place where they could trade, and as far as possible make a way of life that while conforming with local law and customs, was at the same time independent of the varying decisions of the local Viceroy.

Such a place was foreseen by a writer to the Canton Register in 1836.

"...let it be Hongkong; let the Hon declare it under his guarantee a free port, and in ten years it will be the most considerable mart East of the Cape."

You notice it was East of the Cape then, not East of Suez. The ambitions of John Slade were limited by other men with ink in their veins at about this time, and other papers were founded round and about Canton. Then the long bickering took a more violent form, so the papers dried up. The two thousand or so British settlers in Canton went on to Hongkong, once arrangements were made for them to settle here.

But once the tumult had died down somewhat, the gentlemen who preferred Canton found voice in print, and loudly mocked the mad idea of Hongkong ever being a trading port.

Captain Charles Elliot R.N., who went through to Hongkong to get the British merchants to get aside their doubts and take a chance in Hongkong, was greeted with the following—
"Canton Press, May 15th 1841. 'We are happy to announce to our readers that the new settlement, 'progresses' in a most surprising manner. The site of the principal town has been selected with the judgment which is characteristic of the English authorities in China, and we may mention in proof that every street will be perfectly sheltered from the south wind, which will be an immense comfort during the approaching hot season. There are abundant supplies of granite and cold water, and we need not point out the facility with which provisions can be obtained from Macao and Canton. A street (Queen's Road) on a gigantic scale is already far advanced leading from the intended public office to the contemplated public thoroughfare, and we now require only houses, inhabitants, and commerce to make this settlement one of the most valuable of our possessions."

This heavy sarcasm did not stop the drive to Hongkong, however, although the events of the year 1841, which included a typhoon which wrecked every building on the new settlement drove a few weaker settlers away.

At about this time the first Hongkong press was produced. A four-page Government Gazette was published at half-monthly periods. But even with no deadline to beat, and no telephone to worry him, the editor of this modest publication found the going too tough, and in 1842 it was handed over to the first proprietor of a British paper in Hongkong. On March 17th, 1842, the Friend of China started up as a weekly paper.

Unfortunately, the looting in the Colony during the Japanese Occupation has riddled the once complete files owned by the China Mail. Nevertheless, sufficient remains to tell of that side of Colony life outside official circles, to give us a fairly clear picture of what old Hongkong was like.

On March 23rd, 1842, the Friend of China took over the Gazette, and the paper became the Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette.

The editor was the Rev. J. L. Schuchert, Mr. James White who was later Member of Parliament for Brighton.

The Friend of China did not have it all its own way, however. The Canton Register was still in circulation, and on January 1st, 1843, the Eastern Globe came into being. These were unwhitened times, and modern journalistic methods and water-tight compartments with the vigorous staff were far

bears poured out. They did not worry about libel, or any trivial matter of that kind. They were a century ahead of the London Daily Mirror and its slogan, "publish and be damned."

Now reading between the lines, and that is all we can do with the long-winded editorials they wrote, it is evident that strong differences existed in early Hongkong circles.

The Navy, as ever, imagined Hongkong existed merely to harbour their ships. The Army, on the other hand, looked upon Hongkong as a somewhere to erect camps and batteries.

The merchants had not lost sight of the first notion, that Hongkong be somewhere to trade. Over and above all these was the new Hongkong Government, and officialdom came down heavily on the side of the Navy and the Military. The original row seems to have been about the first Government land sales, along the proposed Queen's Road. The merchants were exasperated at Government's decision to throw up certain lots for sale, along with the condition that Government could take them back and award other lots.

The press went to town in a big way, and the first Governor caught it hot.

The Friend of China said:—"He (Sir H. Pottinger) appears either to have been utterly devoid of sense of the moral obligations imposed upon him by the impression of suffering humanity, or deliberately living in seclusion among a few adoring parasites whose limited intellects were devoted to pandering to the great man's vanity."

Sir Henry was let off fairly lightly compared with some of the lesser officials.

In 1844 an ordinance was passed regarding the starting up of newspapers, but nothing was said in it to safeguard against libel.

However, in spite of this strong feeling between the early guardians of the constitution and the general populace, the Colony progressed, and in 1845, the China Mail was born. All the other early papers have died away, so the China Mail is the only living link with the Colony's first days.

On February 20, 1846, the China Mail appeared, proudly displaying in bold print on its title page: "Government Notification—It is hereby notified that from and after the 20th instant (February, 1846) and until further orders, the China Mail is to be considered the official organ of all Government notifications."

However, this banner carrying a proud device did not stop the China Mail taking official circles to task. Mr. Shortt was the first editor, and although he had only a four-page newspaper, he got enough in it to keep the Colony occupied.

This vigorous policy, and rough criticism were bound to cause trouble, and that which was bound to happen, happened.

This time the China Mail was in the clear, but a Mr. Cairns, editor of the Hongkong Register let fly about a certain Lieutenant Sargent of the Royal Irish Regiment.

Lieutenant Sargent took none but his own counsel, walked along to the editorial office of the Hongkong Register, and "promptly assaulted and battered the editor."

However, when the case came before a jury, they found that Mr. Cairns was "a very inoffensive man, and one who, as an editor, seldom had come to extremes or suffered real trouble with his ink."

This case which came on in 1847 was the last to many, and usually you find the people along with the press, when grass versus official circles was the issue.

In the same year, 1847, the China Mail was in trouble. The charge was merely a technical one in that the China Mail had failed to conform with Ordinance No. 2 of 1844 by "having removed its printing establishment two years before from one place to another without communicating the fact to the authorities."

The China Mail did not take this lying down, and supposed the prosecution to have something at the bottom of it, as "Mr. Shortt had made himself rather conspicuous some time before in the matter of some revelations concerning the police."

Whatever these revelations might have been, the case was quashed when it reached the criminal session stage, the Crown Prosecutor did not venture to such vexatious proceedings. This did not suit the China Mail.

"We regret that the prosecution had not been suffered to take its course so as to have had an opportunity of exposing its whole history."

In 1850, we find a certain Mr. Tarrant buying the Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette to wage a private war against Government.

His reason for this was, he had brought certain charges against some Government employees concerning a case of embezzlement, and was charged with conspiring to sully the character of Major Cairns.

Then came the first daily paper. A Mr. G. M. Sider started up the Daily Press in 1851. Although a small paper it pioneered the way so that the China Mail became a daily paper soon afterwards.

The same year saw bitter vendettas in Hongkong waged in and out of the press. On June 23, 1851, found the editor of the Friend of China

awarded \$1,010 against Cheong Ahlum.

This particular case seems so fantastic, so fictional, that it reads like a plot of a 'penny dreadful.'

Cheong Ahlum was the proprietor of the principal bakery in Hongkong. On January 15, 1851, an awful attempt was made to poison the whole foreign community. About ten pounds of arsenic was mixed in with a batch of dough baked on Cheong Ahlum's premises.

It was deduced that Cheong was cognisant to the fact because he made a rapid departure for Macao the same morning, after setting some of his out-

The Macao Authorities handed him over, however, and he was held in custody until the jury found him 'not guilty.'

He, when arrested, was a comparatively affluent man, but the trial left him a poor one, consequently the award to Mr. Tarrant, the Editor of the Friend of China, of \$1,010 had the Colony puzzled.

Why they wanted to know, should this particular test case selected from many hundreds who had been poisoned, cost so much to cure? In the middle of July, 1857, Cheong was released from gaol having been detained for twenty-two days, and he immediately left the Colony leaving Mr. Tarrant to whistle for his money.

This aroused Mr. Tarrant to such fury that he attacked Dr. Bridges the Colonial Secretary in the pages of the Friend of China.

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The Ghost of Cashen's Gap

THIS is the traditional time of the year for sitting by the fire and telling ghost stories. This story is remembered by many people and possibly ranks as the strangest ghost story ever told.

The haunting of Cashen's Gap began in the winter of 1931. Farmer James Irving was sitting with his wife in their lonely cottage 750 ft. up Dalby Mountain on the west coast of the Isle of Man, where they had lived peacefully and quietly for 14 years. Their 13-year-old daughter Voirrey (Manx for Mary) was in bed upstairs.

Then, "Tap, Tap, Tap." The noise came from the attic which was boarded in. "Must be mice," said the farmer to his wife.

Next day he opened up the ceiling and went into the attic. He found no mice but he did find a little wood carving that had been missing. When dropped on the floor it produced the sort of tap that he had heard the previous night.

That evening the sounds came again. Louder. Then came a running noise. "That's a mouse," said Mr Irving to his wife.

Then in succession came animal sounds, barks, growls, splittings and hissing, a thump that set pictures on the walls swinging, a noise like a baby starting to talk, more barks and silence.

Mr Irving waited. Nothing happened. He looked at his wife, then made a barking sound himself. Back came a bark. Mr Irving meowed. Back came a meow.

And so according to Mr Irving the Dalby spook came to Cashen's Gap. The story was to become stranger still.

The "thing" next began to imitate Mr Irving's voice. And in a matter of weeks was talking like a human, talking in a high-pitched screech.

"What in the name of Heaven can he be?" demanded the frightened farmer. "What in the name of Heaven can he be?" came back the mimicking screech from the walls.

Then it answered the question: "I am a ghost in the form of a weasel and I shall haunt you with weird noises and clanking chains." There was a noise like metal clanking.

"If you are kind to me I will bring you good luck. If you are not kind I shall kill all your poultry. I can get them wherever you put them. I am not evil. I could be if I wanted. You don't know what damage or harm I could do if I were roused. I could kill you all if I liked but I won't."

And to prove it, the self-described ghost in the form of a weasel began to throw things. Gravel was hurled at the windows from outside. Things were pitched across the rooms indoors.

How he would read the daily newspapers over Irving's shoulder and scream at him

The farmer put down rat poison and the animal screamed and shook the house with great bumps. He hunted him with a gun and found nothing. The job was difficult because the house had double walls to guard against draughts and keep it warm. There were spaces between the walls and it was from these spaces that the voice generally came.

By now the farmer's story of the strange happenings at Cashen's Gap had spread. The first reaction was the obvious one. That the Irvings must be going mad.

Yet Mr Irving was known as a healthy, educated man. Mr Charles Northwood, a retired cotton broker and a friend of the Irvings for many years, dashed to the island to clear up the business.

He was greeted by the voice of Gef, as the ghost was now called. "Charlie, my old sport!" Gef went on: "Tell Arthur not to come." (Arthur was Mr Northwood's son.) "I'll blow his brains out with a three-penny cartridge." Mr Northwood was staggered.

By

HENRY LEWIS

Captain Macdonald, a racing motorist, also claimed to have heard Gef screaming and knocking and saying "Hello, everybody."

Two boys from Peel, Harry Hall, 19, and Will Cudbon, 15, told of conversations with Gef. According to Harry when he tossed a penny in the porch Gef called: "Tails," and was right. He tossed again and Gef again called correctly. He muffed the next one and Gef screamed: "You didn't turn the penny."

Gef asked Will: "Can you drive a steam-roller?" "Yes," said Will. "You young rascal," said Gef. "You would put it over a hedge."

Reporters and ghost-hunters began to arrive at the lonely farmhouse in droves. Harry Price, one of the most famous ghost hunters alive at the time, investigated the case.

And the stories that Irving told them all grew even stranger. How Gef killed rabbits and left them on the porch.

How Gef would daily discover new words and ask about them: "Jim, what is countenance? Jim, what is a nun?"

How he would read the daily newspapers over Irving's shoulder and scream at him



On the Dalby Mountain in the Isle of Man, a lonely cottage suddenly became haunted. But by what? According to the "ghost" itself, it was a mongoose from Delhi. Whatever it was, it started one of the most amazing ghost-hunts ever recorded.

when he opened a letter: "Read it out you fat-headed gnome." Irving said Gef told him: "Thou wilt never know what I am. I am a freak. I have hands and feet. And if you saw me you would be paralysed, petrified, mummified, turned into a pillar of salt. I am the fifth dimension. I am the eighth wonder of the world. I can split the atom."

riding on buses. Certainly it was difficult to understand how else Irving could have known of conversations on buses.

The Islanders, of course, became angry and John Cowley, a mechanic at the Peel bus terminus fixed a contact plate under a bus to electrocute Gef.

Irving was becoming attached to Gef, and told him about it. "Oh, I know all about that," Gef replied. "It's under bus 81." Irving checked. It was!

Stones, some weighing a pound, were thrown at islanders from nowhere. They blamed Gef.

Now Gef told Irving that he was a mongoose, born on June 7, 1852, and came from Delhi.

The ghost hunters and reporters suspected ventriloquism. The Islanders suspected that Voirrey, the Irvings' daughter, was responsible. But, despite all manner of tests and traps, the investigators were unable to get to the bottom of the case. Anyway what could the Irvings gain from a hoax?

And then the case of the talking mongoose reached the High Court. One of the people who had helped investigate it was the then Editor of the B.B.C. paper, The Listener. When a titled man laughed at his interest in the affair, the editor sued him for slander and after a sensational action reported all over the world, was awarded £7,500 damages. Later the case was mentioned in the House of Commons. Radio comedians took it up.

But Gef's public career was almost at an end. The Irvings moved away from Cashen's Gap and vanished—at least from public notice.

Gef has never been heard of since. Some Islanders believe

Gef went with the Irvings. Others believe that he was the odd, polecat-type animal which was trapped and shot in 1947, by Mr Leslie Graham, the next tenant of Cashen's Gap.

Was Gef a real talking animal? The Irvings claimed to have seen him and that he rode their ladder.

Was he a ghost in animal form? No one else ever saw him, despite the number of investigators who searched the farm over a period of many years. Was the whole affair a delusion or a hoax?

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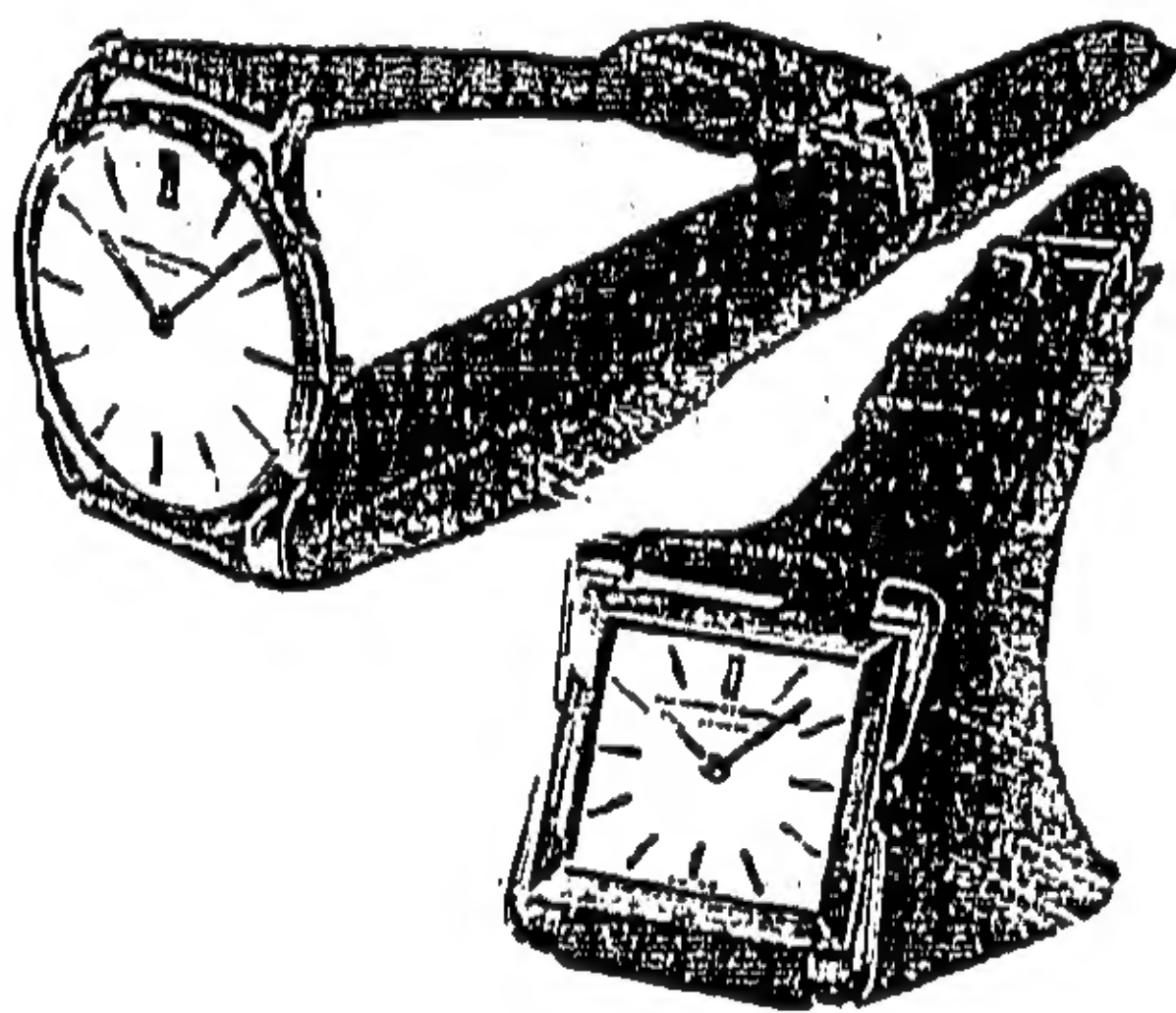
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THE TIME THAT THEY NATIONALISED CHRISTMAS...

BY WILLIAM BARKLEY

IF my memory serves me right in my extreme old age it was in the year 1971 that the Tory Government nationalised Father Christmas.

For you, my dear great-grand-daughter, I will put these events in proper order.

It was, I think, in the previous year, 1970, that the Tory Government denationalised the mines, railways, electrical and gas industries, and in general the means of production and distribution.

They sold the lot for £5,000 million and this sum gave them a wholop of a hump for their annual Budget.

Bai goom

It was, of course, proposed by Gresham and other economists that this windfall should go to reduce the troublesome National Debt.

But the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Arthur Tiley (Tory, West Bradford), said: "Bai goom, what a soom."

He said in the House that for years the Treasury had been taking capital in death duties and spending it as income and now, bai goom, it was Tory policy to continue the process.

Mr. Harold Wilson (Soc. Keynes), very sorry to be late

"Point of order, point of order," with nobody listening.

And in front of Mr. George Wigg, who in another quavering old voice was spying strangers in all directions with nobody noticing.

Finally, the Speaker, Mr. George Thomas (Soc., Cardiff West) threw off his full-bottomed wig and, coming down from the Chair, threw the full-bottomed Mr. Wigg clean out of the Chamber.

Wiping his hands, he said: "Order, order," and resumed the Chair.

It is a blot on the otherwise splendid career of Mr. Tiley at the Treasury that he failed to anticipate what would result from his fixing the date for the operation of the Act at December 1.

On that date the big-hearted British public suddenly found that it had the equivalent of £5,000 million of extra spending money in its pockets with only about 20 shopping days to Christmas.

Mr. Herbert Morrison (Soc., South Lewisham) said he had some experience and the thing to do was to set up a Father Christmas Board.

This would issue statutory instruments limiting Christmas cards to one formula and licensing people for the purchase of Christmas presents which could be reduced to two or perhaps three types.

He did not think that the Board need employ more than 15,000 or, say, 20,000 civil servants, but we should remember that civil servants were very deserving people. However, he was personally opposed to the whole idea.

At this point Mr. Tiley said as Chancellor that he had a new idea. He moved to delete everything after the word "that" in order to insert that at Christ-

The whole retail trade went haywire on trash to satisfy this market of £5,000 million. Nobody thought for a moment of buying power stations or steel ingots or useful things like that.

It got to the point where traffic was tangled and brought to a standstill with discarded socks, stockings, gloves, and shoes all sent by the dozen and none of them fitting.

Sober trade and industry came to a standstill. Consols dropped five points. Unemployment was rampant. Soup kitchens were opened when the National Assistance Board ran out of cash.

It was clear even to a Tory Government that something must be done.

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Old story

The result should have been foreseen by the Chancellor's advisers. It is an old story, but we older people remember. An orgy broke out of Yuletide buying.

Everybody at once bought 20 pairs of socks of the wrong size and sent them off to everybody else. Nobody ordered Christmas presents in less than dozens.

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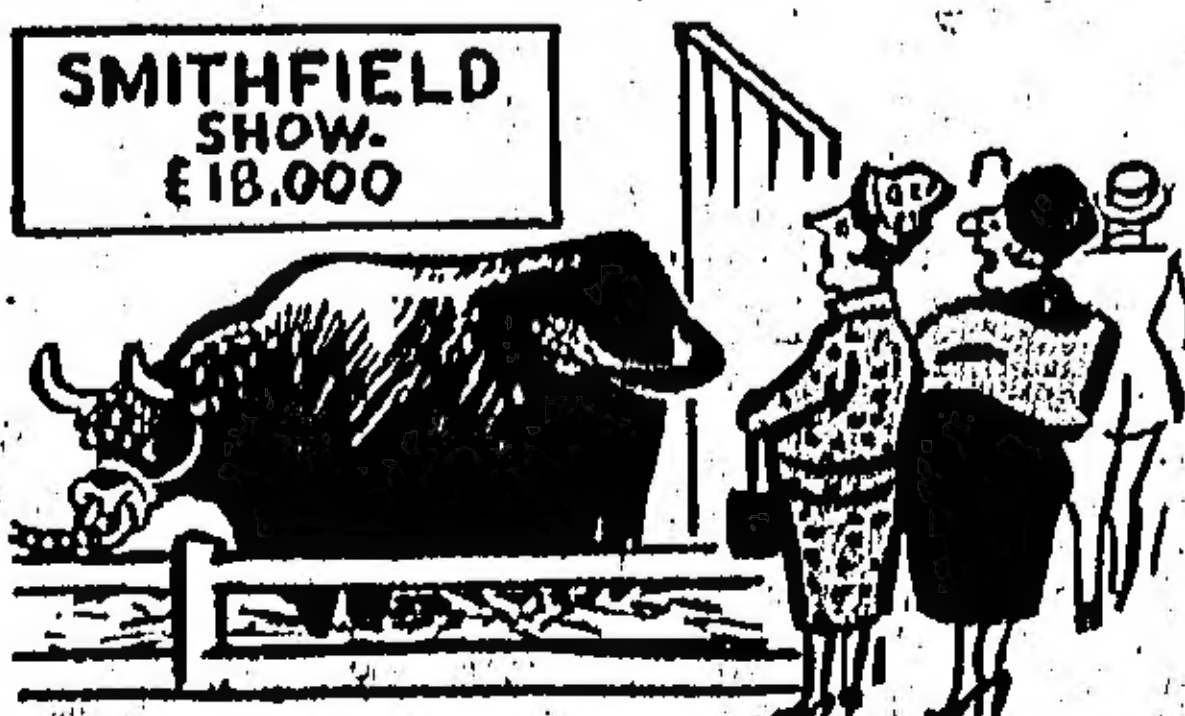
Weekend Selection by Friell



"I suppose General Serov is writing his memoirs now like so many of our dear Western generals!"



"In case of trouble you press the first button to call the police, and the other button to send the rocket up."



"This must be where our butcher gets his meat. It's about the same price per pound."

Ministers showed the strain. A weary President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Cyril Osborne (Tory, Louth), said: "We must stop the Christmas trade."

How? It seemed hopeless. But the darkest hour is ever before the dawn. A light of inspiration wrapped the serene brow of the Grand Old Man.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Rab Butler, opened his lips. He did more. He spoke — just two words: "Nationalise it," he said.

And that, my dear great-grand-daughter, ended the Christmas trade.

In this way the Bill was passed under the Parliament Act and got the Royal Assent. It looks easy now but it was difficult at the time!

But, my dear, there is no gratitude in politics. Here now for some years we have enjoyed the destruction of the Christmas trade.

No longer are we fobbed off by tradesmen from July to December on the excuse that when we want to buy something useful they are sorry but there must be some delay because of the approach of the Christmas rush.

No longer from January to June are we fobbed off by tradesmen on account of their not having yet recovered from the rush of the Christmas trade. One month is now like another. We can get on with our affairs all the year round.

Perhaps I am an old grumpy but I fear that the Socialists will destroy this new peace by winning the forthcoming election on the policy of denationalising Father Christmas.

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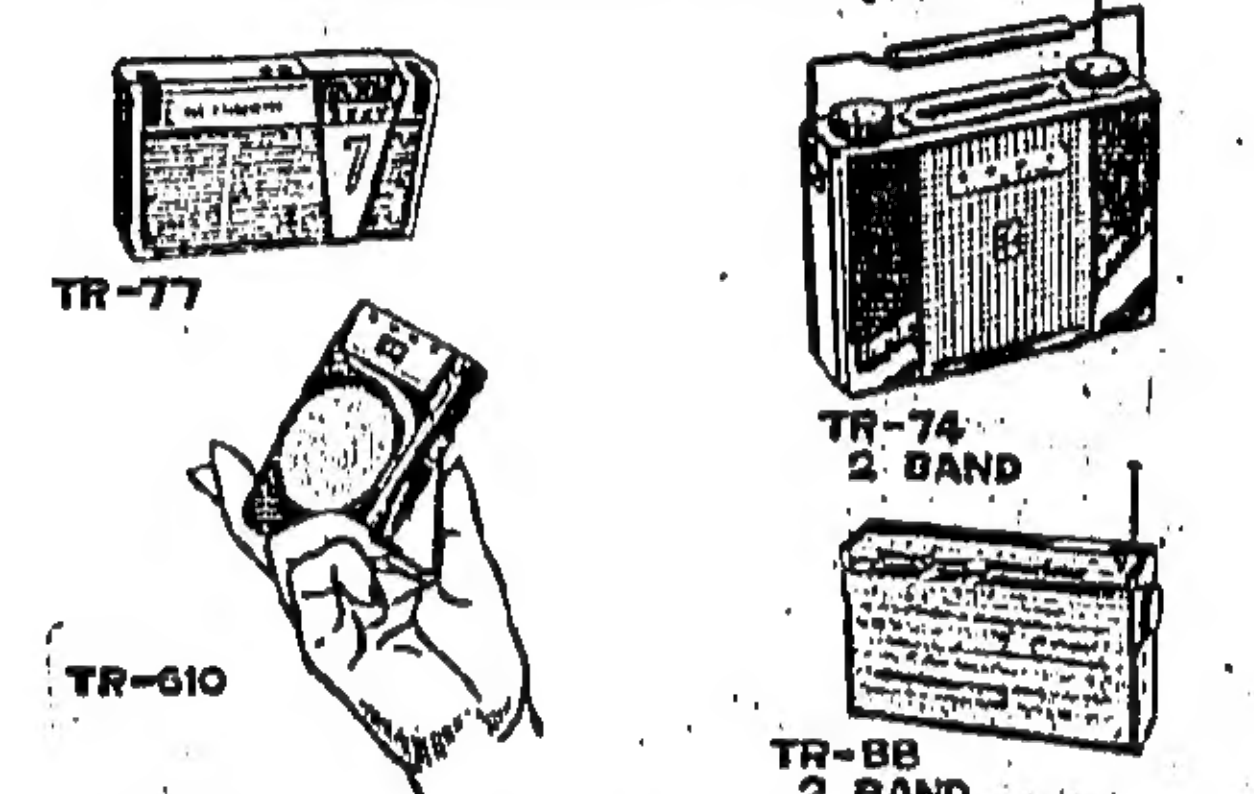
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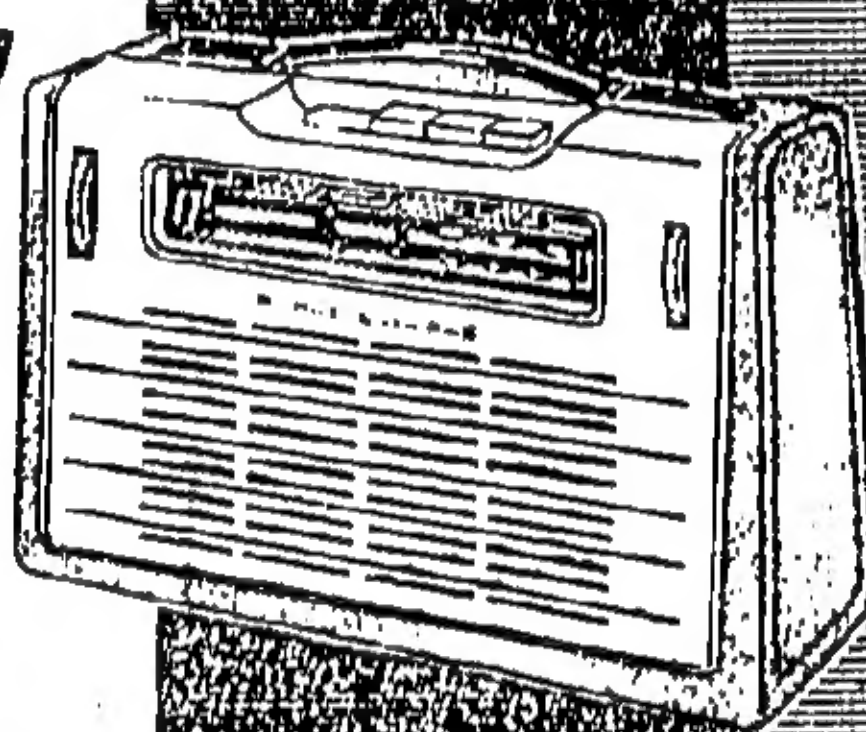
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paper. The man behind it (and

whose shirt it is) is 55-year-old
Russell Birdwell, who checked
\$3,000 for this choice piece of pro-
motion. The only time he ever
capped it—as I remember—was
when he launched another of his
clients by cutting her in two—
splashing the top half of her in
one paper and the bottom half in
another.

How to be a worker on £20,000 a year...

IN the days when it used
to be considered terribly
chic for playwrights to
write plays about play-
wrights writing plays, Ted
Willis was, successively, a
hobo, a vehicle builder, a
milkman, a baker's rounds-
man, a labourer, a bus con-
ductor, a shoe-shop assis-
tant.

It was not the sort of silk
dressing gown existence that is
popularly supposed to be the lot

of the playwright, and that may be why Mr Willis
does not write silk dressing gown plays.

His latest, *Hot Summer Night*, which opened in
the West End, is set in Wap-
ping, is about a working-
class family, and deals with
colour prejudice.

Mr Willis defies West End
conventions by showing a white
girl and a coloured man kissing
on the stage. What in worse,
nobody mixes a dry-martini.

It is the first time Mr Willis
has had a play in the West End
for 10 years. This may be
because he writes about work-
ing-class people and, though the
Lord Chamberlain has never
actually banned them, they
are generally considered pretty
labour.

A fallacy

The difficulty is that the work-
ing classes are considered
dramatic only when they are
being killed in war or when
they are on the dole in idleness.

Mr Willis believes this is a
fallacy. He has shown in a film,
Woman in a Dressing Gown,
that you do not have to wear a
silk dressing gown to be
interesting.

Mr Willis ran into this prob-
lem ten years ago when his play
No Trees in the Street opened in
the West End and closed after
ten days.

"That play," says Mr Willis,
"came right out of my guts. It
was all absolutely true, based on
people I had known. The only

difference was that whereas in
the play I had a mother selling
her daughter for £20, in real
life she sold her for 10s.

'Jazzed up'

In the unenviable position of
an author in search of an
audience, Mr Willis allowed his
play to be "jazzed-up" a bit
and it ran for three years on
tour, playing twice nightly to
the kind of people it was about and
who were prepared to believe it.

"In the first year," says Mr
Willis, "I made £20,000. The
royalties I got enabled me to
write. And I was able to turn
down 15 offers for the film
rights."

Today Mr Willis, the worker's
playwright, the poor man's
Arthur Miller, is earning £23,000
a year, twice as much as the
Prime Minister. His income
comes from a television series
(*Dixon of Dock Green*), tele-
vision plays and films.

The danger

The financial danger for a man
like Willis is that as his income

goes up he will inevitably be-
come further removed from the
sort of people who provide him
with his raw material.

"I am conscious of the
danger," he says, "but in my
case I think I can avoid it hap-
pening. It isn't simply that I
write about working people
because I can make a lot of
money that way. I prefer the
company of working people."

"There was the time I
joined the Army I was posted to
Canterbury barracks. Only the
colonel and the sergeant-major
knew I was a writer, gathering
material. It was very funny."

A VIP

"On parade or in the mess or
in the canteen I'd be treated
like anyone else; but after lights
out I'd creep down the corridor
to the colonel's office, and then
there would be a brandy waiting
for me and a soft armchair and
I was treated like a VIP."

"Not because I was a writer—
the Army doesn't think much of
them. No, you see, the colonel
thought I was a security officer
masquerading as a writer mas-
querading as a private."

himself off from the kind of
life he has always known. Mr
Willis has turned down offers
from Hollywood. "If I lived
there I would be finished," he
says.

A lesser problem now con-
fronts him. At present he has a
house at Orpington which is too
small to enable him to entertain
visitors for the week-end.

"When I started looking
around for a larger house I
discovered that in no time at all
you are being talked into
buying a place with eight
bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a
tennis court."

"Which means that you have
to have somebody to look after
the house and somebody to look
after the grounds, and soon you
would be writing plays about the
difficulties of getting domestic
help. Soft-living can ruin any
writer. I want to try and avoid
that."

It is, of course, a formidable
problem—to feel like a worker
on a capitalist's income.

In such a predicament most
authors are content to rely on
their memory.
I do not think this is true of
Mr Willis, the playwright in the
grey flannel dressing gown.
—(London Express Interview)

TOP COLUMN OF SHOW BUSINESS

Why Mr. Steel is looking for a dollar job

ANTHONY STEEL has been in London for three weeks. Staying
in a friend's Park Lane flat. Alone. His wife, Anita Ekberg, is
filming in Rome. When she is through she is going to Sweden for a
holiday. Steel is en route for America to try to find a job.

He has lost a stone in the past six weeks. He looks a very different man from the Anthony
Steel of two years ago—one of Mr Rank's prize specimens and a top money-making actor.

He is.
For months he has fought a losing battle against boredom, no work, and a floodtide of
rumours about his marriage.
For months he has been hanging around Rome doing nothing while his wife worked. An
unpleasant situation, resulting in hot tempers.

Now—an unhappy man—he
is off to Hollywood to try to
line up a film.

Why Hollywood—where he is
hardly known? Why not
Britain, where he is?

Said Steel, when I met him:
"I must get dollars—that's why.
I've been living off Anita ever
since I went to America. She's
got the dollars you see, and I
haven't."

"That's pretty hard to take,
both for her and for me. It
doesn't make for an ideal
relationship. So I'm going to
make another big effort to earn
some dollars for myself."

PRETTY ROUGH

"You've got pounds from the
films you've made in Britain,"
I said. "Why can't you both
live in Britain?"

"Anita wants to live in Holly-
wood," Steel said. "That's
where her career is."

"What about yours?"
"I haven't been able to make
much headway out there," Steel
said. "I did one picture,
Valerie, but it wasn't much of a
success. The going has been
pretty rough."

"Does your wife realise what
a thriving career you had in
British pictures before she
married you?"

Steel was silent for a moment.
"No," he said. "I don't think
she does."

I asked the question which
seemed obvious: By going along

with his wife's determination to
remain in Hollywood wasn't he
putting both his career and his
marriage in jeopardy? Presum-
ably any wife was liable to tire
of having her husband hanging
around doing nothing?

THOSE LOOKS!

Said Steel, once the gay
blonde with the fast Jaguar,
whose Kensington parties were
famous: "I wanted to go. I
was married to Anita and that
was where she lived."

"Since your marriage," I said,
"you've been involved in quite
a few brawls."

"I know," he said. "But it's
pretty hard to take—the way
men look at Anita. Especially
in a place like Rome. When
we're in a lift or a restaurant
together people look and start
whispering."

"I've put up with a lot, you
know," Mr Ekberg and all
that kind of stuff. It's rude and
it's insulting."

"Do you blame me for getting
angry and using my fists? If
she were my girl friend, I
wouldn't mind, perhaps. But
she's my wife."

He was silent for a moment.
"I won't take insults," he con-
tinued. "Either to me or Anita.
Victor Mature insulted Anita, so
I told him to apologise or I'd
fatten him."

"He's a big man," I said.

"Yes," said Steel. "But his
size didn't come into it. If
necessary I'd have got up on a

chair and clobbered him with
a gin bottle."

"Now I'm trying to give up
drinking," Steel said. "I've
been on the wagon for several
days. That's why I've lost
weight, I expect. I took a look
at myself in Harry Black and
was disgusted that I looked so
bloated."

"Have you still got a house in
Hollywood?"

SO POINTLESS

"No," said Steel. "We gave it
up. There wasn't much point in
keeping it going as we were
away so much."

"So actually you've got
nothing to go back to?"

"No," said Steel. "I'm just
going to scout about and see if
there's any work."

"There's nothing in Britain?"

"No," said Steel. "I've been
away, you see, and people
forget. I won't kid you. There's
nothing."

"Perhaps," I said, "it might
have been better if you had
stayed on in Rome until your
wife finished work?"

He looked at me sharply.
"I'd hung around there long
enough," he said. "It was mur-
der for my morale. I was find-
ing it just too easy to drink
and sit around. Anita didn't
like it."

"So you left?" I said.

"Yes," said Anthony Steel.
"So I left."



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You will need: Head and body, 3-8ths of a yard of yellow felt for one piece 3-8ths by 14ins.; Eyes, scrap of white plastic, two shiny, black buttons 1/4in. diameter, with shanks for the pupils. Collar, 12ins. of red plastic belting 1/4in. wide for an old belt, with buckle, with do. Nose, piece of black, shiny and feet, black stick thread. And you'll also need kapok for filling.

Cut pattern, pin on to material and cut. The main body parts, ears and feet are cut on double material gussets on single. All parts to straight of cloth except ears. Clip into notches.

Match up

QUARTER-INCH turnings are allowed on pattern except eyes, nose and collar, which have none.

Take care not to make turnings any wider than 1/4in. when sewing, and match all notches easing in and stretching where necessary, to shape.

Join underneath gussets at A, notches together. Pin right sides of main body parts together and stitch from D at head to E at tail. Turn out.

Pin right side of body legs to right of gusset legs and stitch from E down to F at back of foot. Fasten off, leaving base of foot open.

Start stitching again from G at front of foot and carry on to F at back of foot. Fasten off, leave base open.

Then stitch from G at front of foot to right round to D, matching perfectly—B of gusset to B of body parts of mouth. C to C at nose tip. (From B to O stretch gusset, easing in slightly body nose parts.)

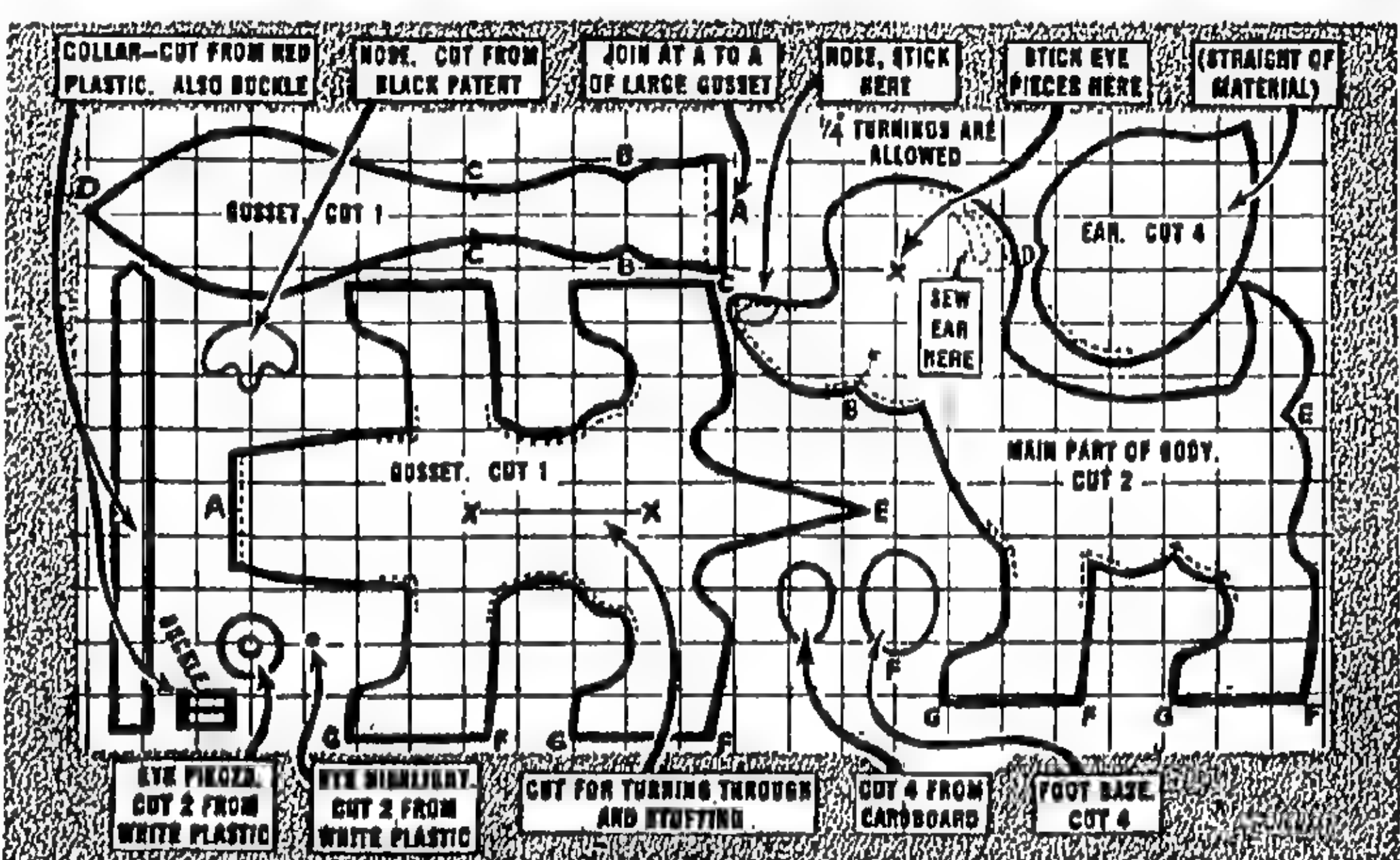
Pin up

TAKE from machine, pin right side of second piece of material to right side of opposite edge of gusset and repeat process as above stitching from E to D. Always fasten off stitches at every break.

Stitch or sew in foot pieces, guiding F to F at each foot. Stitch round ears, leaving bottoms open for turning through.

Clip into all curved parts and corners to allow for shaping.

PUT PEPITO in the PICTURE with this EASY-WAY PATTERN



THE FIRST STEP: Copy out this pattern on a piece of graph paper 30 inches long by 14 inches wide (one square equals one inch). Then cut your cloth pattern from your paper drawing.

then turn through carefully, to right side. Push out, corners with a blunt knitting needle and place cardboard foot pieces into feet. These cardboard pieces are cut to actual size of foot when stitched.

Put filling in a little at a time, beginning with legs and tail. Push down firmly with a pencil. Fill out head, body and tail, packing in as much as possible without distorting material.

Push out bulges in cheeks, head and legs with blunt end of pencil. When Pepito is firm and well shaped, sew up cut under body neatly, by hand.

Stitch on eye pieces and nose to correct positions with plastic cement. Also slightly poke out pupils. When dry, sew eyes in

place, using strong thread and a long darning needle. Push a strand of thin millinery wire into ears, bending to shape, turn in raw edges and slip stitch.

Make a small pleat at ear bases, where shown on pattern, and catch with a couple of tiny stitches. Sew ears tightly on to head, at place marked on pattern, with small slip stitches.

Write out Pepito's label and stick on to collar, make ring from plastic and slip in place. Put collar round neck and push both ends through gusset, mitered end on top. Hold in place with a few stitches.

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Pull up

PULL thread fairly tight and tie ends securely. The button shanks should sink right into head through holes in eye whites.

With black silk thread, put two big running stitches from a to a at mouth, tying (sized) neatly at centre of mouth. Sew three half-inch long stitches at

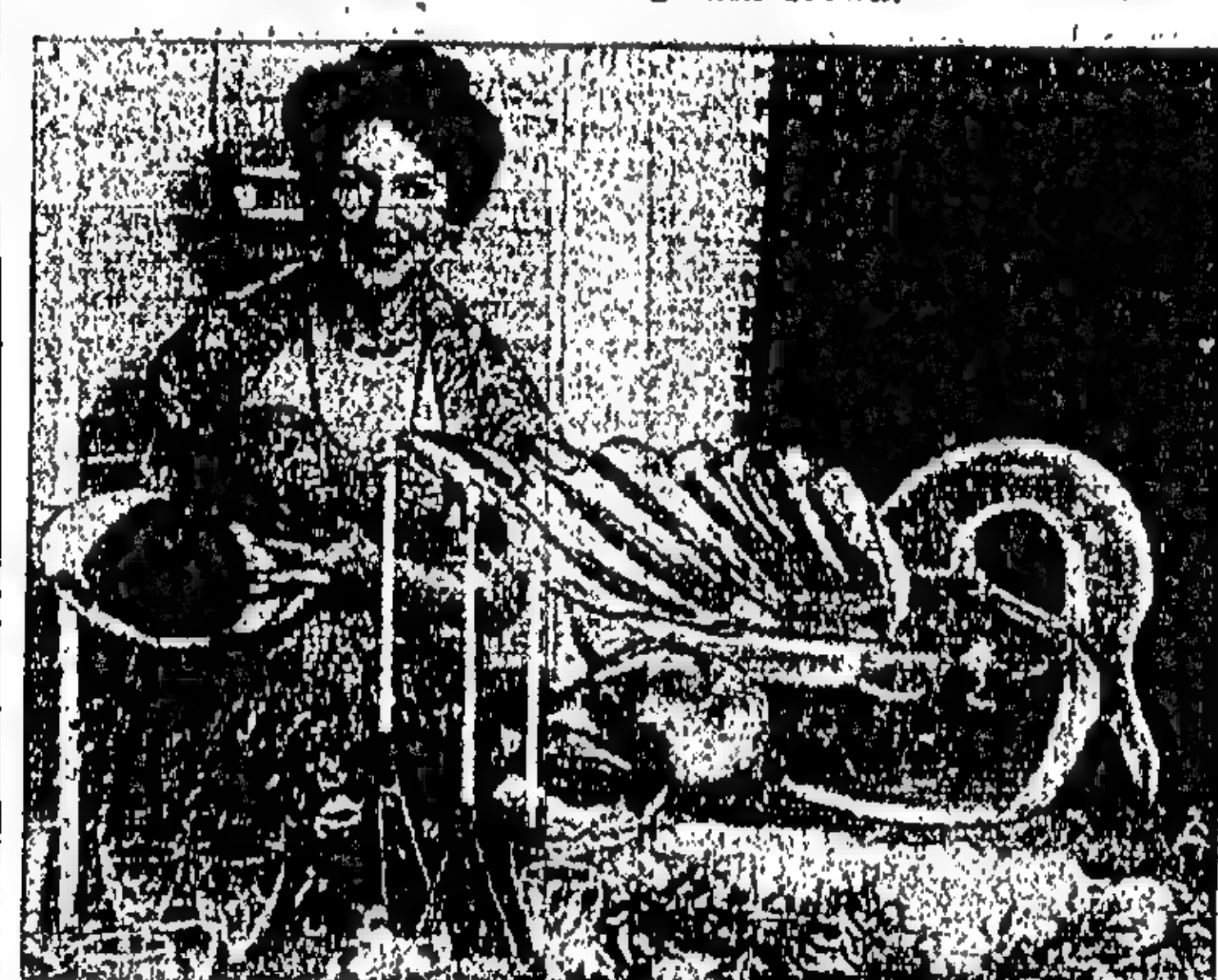
Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN
Novel Holiday Recipes
Sent From "Down Under"

"OUR Christmas tables here will be especially festive this season," writes Home Economist Del Cartwright, our brilliant young friend in Australia.

"While there will be a white Christmas in the States, summer will be at its loveliest here."

TABLE DECORATIONS

"My dinner table will be lit with green-and-red Italian lanterns. The centerpiece will be of sculptured ice—all



AUSTRALIAN HOME ECONOMIST and radio star, Del Cartwright, sends Christmas with a recipe for a banana fruit pudding.

the rage here—and there will be garlands of green, punctuated with red and white striped carnations. The candles will be pale green.

"I'm going to wear a green and white print silk—it helps to make the Christmas dinner even more festive when the hostess' frock carries out the holiday colours, don't you think?"

We not only think, we certainly approve. Merry Christmas, Australia!

Del's Australian Banana Fruit Pudding for Christmas: Mix together 2 1/2 c. packed-down fine crumbs from two-day-old bread (no crusts), 3 tsp. pastry spice, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 c. (or 3 oz.) mixed fruits and peels, 1 c. (or 6 oz.) raisins and 1/2 c. (or 3 oz.) red currants.

Mash 2 ripe bananas thoroughly. Dissolve 1 tsp. baking soda in 1/4 c. milk and add to the bananas. Then stir into the bread crumb mixture.

Transfer to a buttered 4-l. mould or metal bowl. Cover closely, or fit a layer of aluminium foil over the top. Steam 2 hrs.

Serve with rum-flavoured hard sauce.

Rum-Flavoured Hard Sauce: Stir 1/2 c. butter or margarine until soft. Add 1 beaten egg alternately with 2 c. sifted 10X confectioner's sugar and 1/2 tsp. rum-flavouring. Beat until thoroughly mixed.

Heap in an attractive dish; garnish with mixed fruits and peels; chill.

To Steam Fiddlers: Place a wire rack on the bottom of a 4-l. kettle. Pour in 2 c. boiling water. Set the mould on the rack. Add enough rapidly boiling water to come to a little above the top of the mould. Put on the lid; boil rapidly 30 min., then more slowly for the time directed for remaining 90 min. If the water gets low, add more rapidly boiling water.

DINNER

Chicken Fricassee in Whipped Potato Ring
Buttered Broccoli
Browned Parsnips
Spanish Cream
Whipped Topping

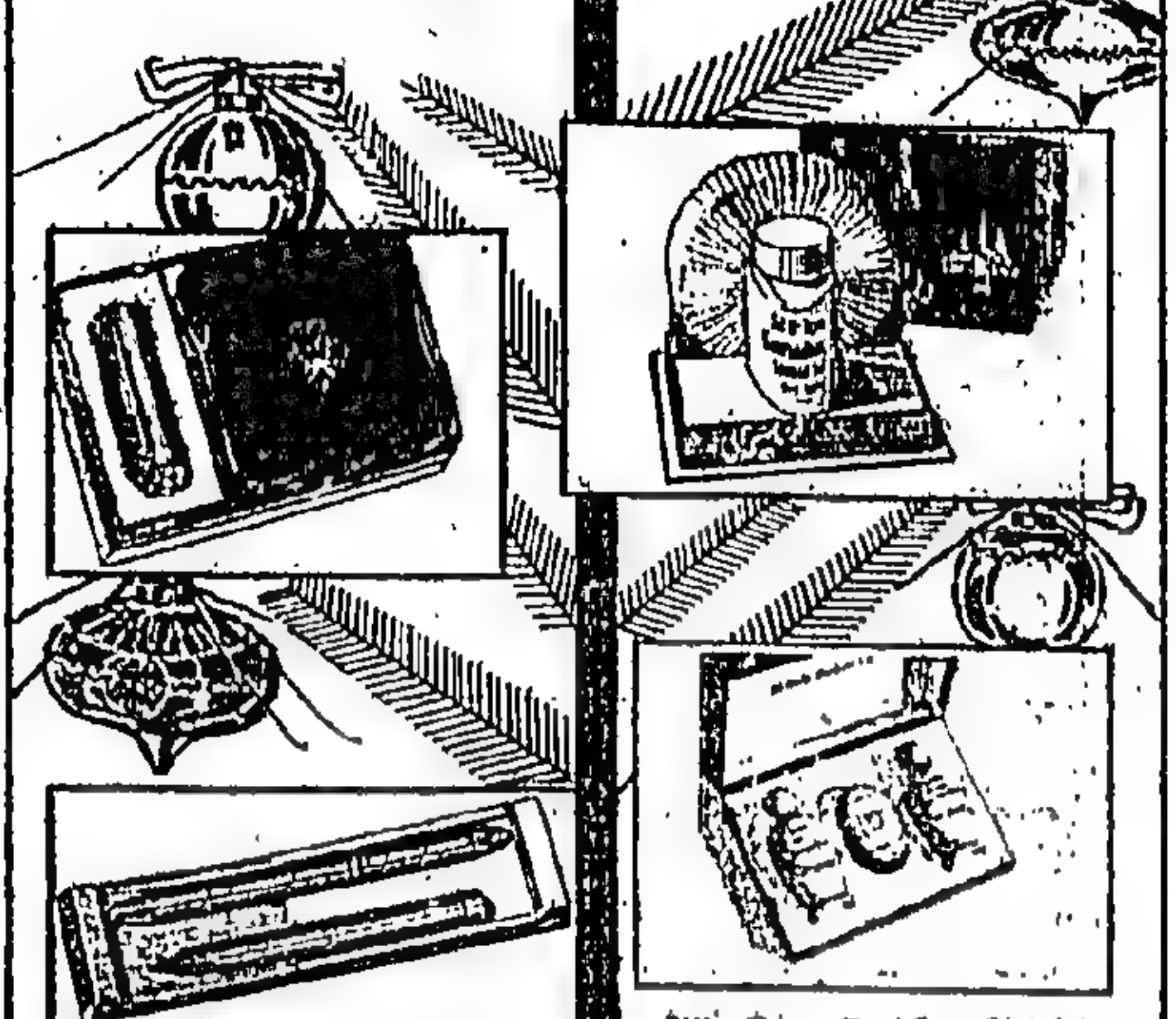
Coffee Tea Milk
No trick at all to taking the required amount of milk a day. At least half can be "hidden" with cereals, in soups, puddings, custards and in cream-type sauces, such as that used in preparing creamed crab in toast cases.

TOMORROW'S DINNER
Manhattan Clam Chowder
Creamed Crab in Toast Cases
Mashed Carrots and Potatoes
Hot Dilled Beets
Fruits-in-Gel
Ginger Snaps
Coffee Tea Milk

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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

BORN today, you have a sensitive, highly perceptive nature, but you don't want others to realise this. Consequently you cover up by being blunt and combative. In other words, you are too often on the defensive when, in fact, you are using this approach as a method of defence! Make a real effort to change this attitude or you may discover that it blocks your progress toward a speedy success.

The stars have given you exceptional gifts, and if you are co-operative, you will find that you can achieve fine results. Learn to be more direct in your approach to a problem. You often go by the most devious path rather than in a straight line. Remember, a straight line is the shortest distance between two points.

You dislike showing ignorance on anything and will tend to "bluff it out" rather than admit you don't know and then seek expert advice. Very often, you know, two heads are better than one in solving a problem. You are versatile and can do several things equally well. Diversification makes an interesting life, but specialisation and concentration on one objective at a time often brings the quickest results.

Affectionate by nature, you are not demonstrative and often suppress your real feelings rather than make a show of them. Cultivate more spontaneity in this respect and you will find more happiness.

Among those born on this date are: Max Lerner, editor and author; Henry B. M. Watson, British author; Senator John J. Sparkman, Alabama legislator; Calvert Vaux, landscape artist; Harvey Samuel Firestone, industrialist and pioneer in rubber manufacture.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A happy, romantic day for you. Enjoy the company of the one you love best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Tend to postpone the start of a long journey until a little later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Being frank and open is far better advice for today than being secretive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Take time to finish up that Christmas list if you have been dilly-dallying!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A good day to avoid being impatient with anyone! Hold that temper.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—If things don't appear to be progressing as fast as they should, it's the day, not your fault!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Take a short trip today, visiting nearby relatives or close friends.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Take in a sports event, this afternoon, and enjoy the change of pace either as spectator or contestant.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Everything should go right today. It's your time each week to anticipate good fortune.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Write an important letter involving your professional future. Say just the right thing, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Enjoy a visit with friends you may not have seen for some time and have fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Attend a concert this afternoon or evening or listen to some good music at home.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

BORN today, you are original in thought and action. You like to make plans on the grand scale and your head is usually held high in the clouds. You dream great dreams, but, in addition, you have the rare ability of making most of them come true. You have decided ideas and will stick to them despite all kinds of opposition. You rarely, if ever, seek advice, and when you do, it is usually a tactical manoeuvre. You are a good strategist and know when it is polite to listen to arguments on the other side of the fence. That is not to say that you will ever act upon what you hear!

You have a magnetic personality and are able to influence people, for you appear to do so effortlessly. Some of your bitterest opponents can be won over by your persuasive arguments. You would make a good defence attorney but would need to believe in your client 100 per cent to defend him. You are interested in affairs of the state but would not make a good machine politician on the local level, for you would refuse to take directions from anyone.

It is important that you keep your ideals high, for you have the power to lead people—and in which direction you lead is of the utmost importance. You are inclined to be superstitious and must guard against permitting yourself to be influenced in this respect. You tend to worry over trifles. Conquer this trait or it can cause much needless unhappiness.

Among those born on this date are: Benjamin Disraeli, English statesman and author; Albert Payson Terhune, author, famous for his dog stories; Walter Hines Page, editor, author and diplomat; Joseph Stalin, Soviet dictator; Laura Dowry Bridgman, blind, deaf-mute educator.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A bumper shopping day, especially for your festive holiday wardrobe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If buying a pet for the children for Christmas, this is a good day to select one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If invited to a dancing party, be sure to accept. You should have a wonderful time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You can be a little extravagant today without fear of straining the budget.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Arrangings for the Christmas decorations so that the house is beautiful for the holidays.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Conditions on the job should show definite improvement. Get

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A low holiday luxuries are in the stars for you now, so make your selections today.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You can advantageously arrange for a long-term loan today to ease the financial situation.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Haste can make waste today, so take your time on everything and all goes well with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Wind up your Christmas shopping and get out-of-town cards in the mail. Time is getting short.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Patience and tact will keep you in control of the situation, at home or in the office.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—A fine day for handling important matters. Look forward to

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ABOVE: Some officers of the Grand Lodge of the England and the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, E.C., who attended the annual Masonic service at St John's Cathedral last Sunday.



RIGHT: The annual dinner of the Auxiliary Medical Services was held at St John Ambulance Brigade Island Headquarters, Tai Hong, this week. Seen chatting at the function are Mr Alastair Todd, Defence Secretary (left) and Dr the Hon. D. J. M. MacKenzie, Director of Medical and Health Services.



ABOVE: Mr D. Benson, Chairman of Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, giving a speech during the annual speech day of the Hongkong Jockey Club Primary School last week.



ABOVE: Mrs Ngan Shing-kwan presents a prize to a student at the Clementi Middle School speech day this week. In the centre is Mrs Lee Leung Yin-king, the vice-principal.

BELOW: A young man encouraged by a smiling Girl Guide, tries his luck at the Tac H Christmas Fete held last Saturday at the Tsinghsatui Kai-fong School.



ABOVE: Part of the large gathering at the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce annual charity ball which was held last week at the Paramount Restaurant.



LEFT: Mr F. T. Molwani helps two young guests to some food during a children's Christmas party given by him at the Hindu Temple on Sunday. Some 200 youngsters, including 33 blind boys and girls, were entertained.

BELOW: The Latin American Association recently celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St Teresa's Church. At a gathering later in the Church Hall, Father Christmas is seen distributing gifts to the children.



ABOVE: A carol-singing scene by some of the children entertained by the Y's Men's Club at a part held at the Chinese Methodist Church in Wanchai last Saturday.



BELOW: Mr and Mrs Wendell S. Merick pose with their attendants shortly after their wedding last Saturday at St Joseph's Church. The bride is the former Mrs Dolores Marie Saint. The groom is Hongkong bureau chief of United Press International. L-R: Mr R. Finnerty, Mrs Jean Marie Barnes, Mr F. Robertson, bride, groom, Mrs Catherine Walsh (groom's mother).

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ABOVE: H.E. the Governor, Sir Robert Black, presenting the Police Review Cup to Mr D. H. Taylor, in a ceremony at Police Headquarters on Monday. On right is Mr Ramon Young.



RIGHT: Mrs S. N. Chau presenting a certificate to a student during the Wellington College speech day held on Monday.



ABOVE: Miss T. M. Chan (left) and Miss E. M. Cheung singing their numbers at the finals of the "Beginners' Pleasa" Contest held at Radio Hongkong's Concert Hall on Sunday.

BELOW: Mr A. N. Reynolds, an ex-Hongkong Police officer who recently returned to the Colony after an absence of 26 years, watches as recruits march past during a passing-out parade at Aberdeen.



BELOW: Mr and Mrs Peter Halvard Fellberg shortly after their wedding at the Norwegian Seamen's Mission last week.



ABOVE: Boys of the Mu Kuang School, Kai Tak New Village, enjoying themselves at a Christmas party held on board the ss President Wilson on Saturday.



LEFT: A scene from the Cantonese opera "Rain-carnation," which was presented at the Lee Theatre recently to raise funds for the new Kwong Wah Hospital.

BELOW: Two machine-gun sections of the Hongkong Regiment set their sights during manoeuvres held at the Regiment's annual camp at Far East Farm, New Territories, recently.

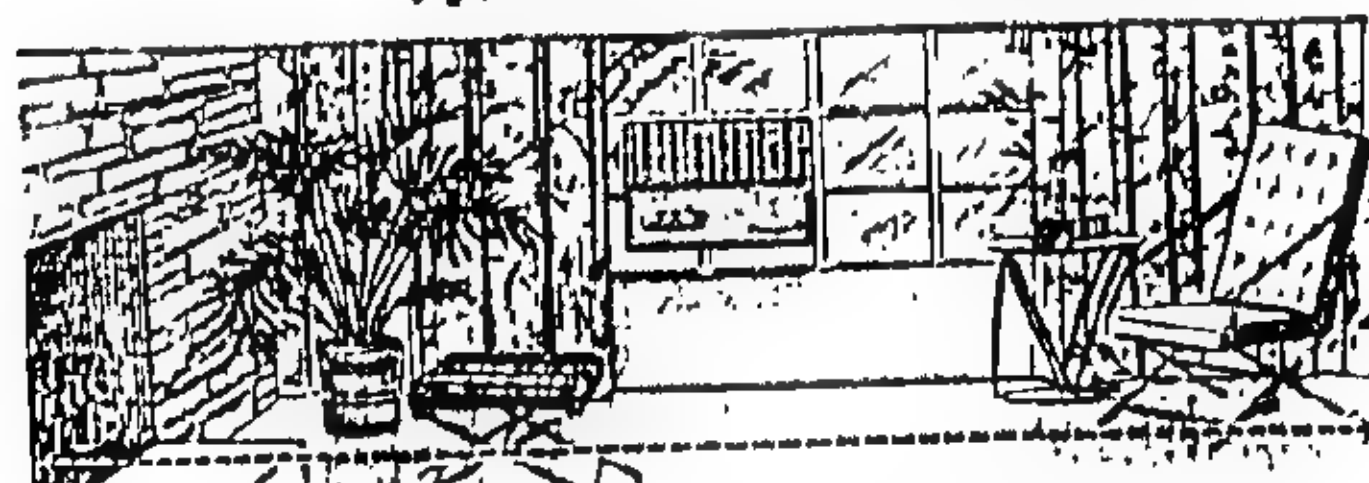


ABOVE: Thirty members of the Aircraft Enthusiasts' Club were given a demonstration of tank tactics by the 1st Royal Tank Regiment at Sek Kong recently. The visitors are seen here posing for the camera atop one of the tanks.



BELOW: A Christmas concert was given by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra at the Paramount, Windsor House, this week. The Orchestra is seen playing a number under the baton of its conductor, Mr Victor Ardy.

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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

What NOT to give this Christmas

By Eileen Ascroft

MEN like bragging about successful Christmas presents that reveal thought and affection. They also have definite dislikes.

Here are businessman Lungley Powe's special hates. They may give you a welcome warning about your own particular male.

DON'T give crass gifts, presents such as a car cleaning outfit if it's a job he normally shirks.

DON'T give him anything for his favourite hobby, unless you are sure it is the right kind and make.

DON'T give him anything for the house. Think how you feel when it happens to you.

DON'T give him practical presents like underclothes, which he can't exhibit to friends.

DON'T give him anything to drink or smoke unless you know he likes drinking or smoking it.

From business woman Laurie Newton Sharp comes this list of don'ts. (I echo every one!)

DON'T give perfume because you think it smells nice, or the girl in the shop fancies it. It must be her favourite brand.

DON'T give chocolates unless she's slim as a reed and you know she likes them.

DON'T give stockings, unless you know not only the size, but the brand and shade as well.

DON'T give her things she needs for the house. She won't regard this as a present at all.

DON'T give clothes, unless you're terribly sure of your own taste and hers.

Interesting

MY story last week of Lady Jellicoe becoming a working girl for the first time at 40 has brought me other interesting experiences of the enterprising ladies.

I lunched the other day with two women who had never considered a job until their sons went away to do military service.

Touchy

WOMEN are just as touchy about presents that reveal lack of thought and affection.

Ruth Stokes, married to a wholesale haberdasher was feeling bored one day and answered an advertisement for an office cleaning supervisor.

Betty Marshall, wife of a bank official, had the same urge. "I had too much time to be ill and my doctor said what I needed was a real job of work."

Once

Once they'd learned the business they borrowed £200 capital and set up their own office cleaning concern.

That was in March 1955. By June they had landed their first big contract. Today they have a turnover of £50,000 a year.

Not bad going for two housewives in their forties with time on their hands!

"Personal supervision has been the key to our success," says half-irish Betty Marshall. "I'm a perfectionist and really enjoy good results."

Ruth Stokes—"three-quarters Welsh and one-quarter"—is the business end. She studies the

city and business notes each day for possible contacts and reckons to land one good contract for every 500 letters she writes.

Their business day starts at 9.30 in the morning, "but most of our hard work is finished by 9.00."

Now they employ an army of cleaners — "mostly married women, they're so responsible" — several supervisors and a mechanic working full-time on the various cleaning machines.

Men are employed for the window cleaning and heavy jobs — "not so easy to manage as the women" — and they already have two vans for transporting heavy equipment.

Shipping offices, grain importers, advertising agencies, oil companies all come under their spit-and-polish care.

"But it's the modern offices women really enjoy working in," they told me, "and their chief grumble is untidy desks."

How much time do these highly professional "Mrs Mops" have to devote to their own homes?

Not much nowadays. Both have daily cleaning women, but still like to do their own shopping and cooking.

Dry Soapsuds Make Snow For The Tree

WE really don't envy people who have a mint of money to spend for Christmas. They miss the fun of the job of preparing for this joyous holiday.

Some people will just call in a flock of professionals and let them decorate the house, the party tables and the Christmas tree. The results are exquisite, but they are also impersonal because they lack the feeling of work that is done for the love of it, not for gain.

Most of us love this extra work. Our ingenuity and imagination get a workout and even the little ones have a chance to lend a hand, although everything may have to be done again afterwards.

There's snow to be made, ribbons and wreaths to be shined up, and so much to be done that the house becomes a beehive of bustling activity.

Snow-making is one of the holiday projects for the family, especially the youngsters. Great big bowls of dry soapsuds are whipped up with an egg beater or electric mixer until they are stiff and frothy. Then they are ready to be spread with a spoon over Christmas tree branches, the leaves on the chimney piece and to decorate the door and window wreaths.

By Eleanor Ross

Let the first layer dry, then add a second layer. For a beautifully realistic effect, sprinkle top with dry soap flakes. Or, if you don't care how lavish you get, sprinkle it with cranberries, sequins or bitter-sweet berries.

It is amazing what really beautiful and artistic effects can be created with the aid of these props, when they are used with imagination. The suds dry in a few hours and last as long as the festivities.

If you want to use some of that fine satin ribbon that has done duty in other years and which you cherish for association's sake, just suds and press it. Lay a piece of wax paper over the ribbon when you press it to restore its crispness.

A gentle sponging with dry suds gives new life to artificial greenery. And ornaments will shine like new if you go over them with a sudsy sponge.

And did you know that tarnished tinware will gleam again after a soap and water bath? Swish it through lukewarm suds and rinse, then lay it on a towel to dry.

And for another good trick, rub candles between well-soaped palms so that they won't drip or smudge when the time comes to light them up.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Airliner's Holiday Dinner Equally Festive At Home

"THROUGHOUT the holidays hundreds of thousands of people will be travelling by plane. But wherever they go, the gaiety and glamour of the season flies along, too," observed the Chef.

"For example, the head of the commissary of a world-famous airline gave me the appetising holiday dinner menu they will serve. Perhaps our readers would like to try it at home."

Airline Holiday Dinner

Mushroom Soup
Assorted Relishes
Roast Stuffed Turkey
Candied Sweet
Seasonable Vegetable
Red Cranberry Relish Ringed with Pineapple
Choice of
Plum Pudding
Branded Mince Pie or
Multiflavoured Ice Cream
Coffee

The Christmas trays will hold favours: a miniature Santa Claus or peppermint candy cane; special holiday mints shaped like stars, bells and Santas; assorted nuts and chocolates.

Appetising Turkey Stuffing: Use slightly dried enriched bread, enough for an 8 lb. turkey or 2 (8½ lbs.) chickens. Be sure to add a little baking powder to make the stuffing light.

Basic New England Stuffing: Combine 5 c. (not fresh) enriched bread crumbs (packed down), 2 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, 2 tsp. poultry seasoning, 2 tsp. monosodium glutamate, ½ tsp. scraped onion and 1 tsp. baking powder.

Stir in 2½ c. heated reconstituted instant milk.

Melt 4 tbsp. meat fat in a large frying pan. Turn in the stuffing. Saute until half dry but not browned.

Oyster Crumb Stuffing: Add ½ pt. shucked oysters or canned oysters to New England stuffing.

Cheese - Mushroom Crumb stuffing: To the basic stuffing, add 1 c. coarse-grated sharp American cheese or cheddar food, 2 tbsp. fine-chopped pickle, 1 minced peeled onion, garlic and ¼ lb. chopped fresh mushrooms.

Sausage Stuffing: Slow-fry 1 lb. sausage meat until done. Drain off the fat. Mash the sausage fine. Add to the basic New England stuffing.

Tomorrow's Dinner

Beef Bouillion
Liver Saute with Bacon
Creamed Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Green Pepper Cakes
Blueberry Tapioca Fluff
Whipped Topping
Coffee Tea Milk

All measurements are level; recipes proportioned to serve 4 to 6

Blueberry Tapioca Fluff: Heat the contents 1 (1½ lb.) can blueberries and syrup. When boiling, stir in ¼ c. quick-cooking tapioca, ½ tsp. salt, the sugar, 1 lemon and 1½ tsp. lemon juice. Simmer 10 min. or until the tapioca looks clear. Stir occasionally.

Taste and add a little granulated sugar if necessary. Whip 1 egg white stiff. Fold in the tapioca; chill.

Serve in sherbet glasses; sauce with slightly sweetened shredded orange pulp.

Trick Of The Chef

Dust liver lightly with thyme before sauteing.

The Rahvis Sisters Have Done It Again



Here is a pink fallo evening dress by RAHVIS to attract every eye at the Christmas parties. It has the new "souffle" skirt which is short at the front and long at the back.

So you want to be a success?



YOU want to be a success at those Christmas parties? Here are a few tips:

- Enjoy your fellow guests, however long-winded, and keep a few smiles for elderly relations.
- Say thank-you afterwards. Even if the evening has been a dead loss, leave a pleasant memory behind. The next invitation may be better!
- Drink what's provided and look happy about it.
- Dress up for the occasion to add to the festive scene and for your sake—and for everyone else's—wear comfortable shoes.
- Don't choose a party for testing your drinking capacity. Play safe in public. Experiment if you wish at home!
- Even if you're dieting, taste your hostess's food.
- Don't be more than half an hour late arriving—or departing!

London Express Service.

★ My new party look

I've got a new look for Christmas. The picture shows me wearing a close-fitting nylon wig which turns me from a blonde into a copper-head.

They're becoming so popular for party wear, the only way of testing whether a girl's hair is her own nowadays is to pull it!

Upkeep is simple. It goes along to the hairdresser with you for a separate styling, tinting and shampoo and set.

By Eileen Ascroft.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Brighten soiled glazed chintz upholstery and slip cover (not wind-coated chintz) by fabrics may be brightened in spreading it on a flat surface the same way.

and sponging it quickly with lukewarm water. If pressing is necessary, use a lukewarm iron and work on the wrong side of the chintz, or on the right side with a slightly dampened cloth over it.

Many printed cottons and linens, as well as rayon children in the house.



CHRISTMAS DINNER with all the trimmings—and favours, too—is served on festive trays to travellers by air during the holidays.

SOMETHING BIGGER THAN GOLD IS THE LURE IN 1958

THEY'RE HITTING THAT YUKON TRAIL AGAIN

JUST 60 years ago the Yukon echoed with the cry of "Gold" and the rush was on. A handful of men made fortunes. A multitude found nothing but hardship and suffering. Some found death.

After the first frenzied bonanza had spent itself the Yukon became part of the forgotten Deep North.

Today, and the credit is largely Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's, although the Liberals under St. Laurent did make a few tentative pushes, the North is being remembered again and rediscovered.

Just before he left for his world trip Diefenbaker thundered: "Canada's Northland is a large safe deposit box of minerals that represent the little seeds to freedom's survival."

This is fancy language, but it could be true. Gold's not so much on the explorers' and engineers' minds now as other minerals—zinc, lead, copper, platinum, tungsten, coal, cadmium, silver. All these and others have been discovered in the Yukon, perhaps richer in minerals than any other part of Canada.

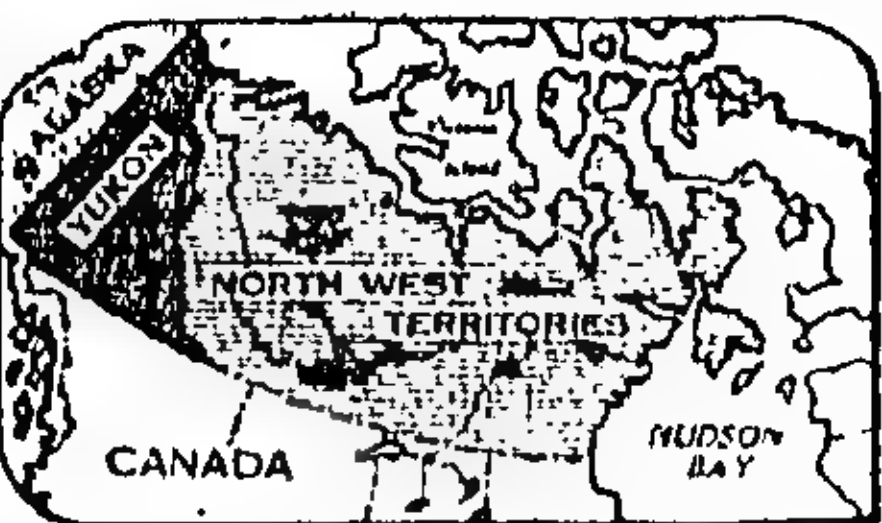
Spurred by Diefenbaker's vision the Canadians are pressing

Ottawa.

ing North and a new province is being born out of the ice and snow.

On this visit I have found the Government officials more ebullient and optimistic than the engineers, surveyors, and the effects which are the DEW (Deafening Early Warning) radar stations that dot the Arctic.

Minister of Northern Affairs, Alvin Hamilton is considered a visionary, but rates himself a man of practical head and sense. He is employed with the Government's "Road to the Arctic" programme, and his development has hardly begun



by DON IDDON

Starting

Pacing his office as the snow falls remorselessly outside and the capital is muffled by the continuing storms, Hamilton says "The North is a land whose development has hardly begun

When the U.S. atomic submarines navigated under the polar ice they shattered the illusion of an impenetrable polar ice, and demonstrated that the Arctic can become the Mediterranean of the northern world.

"The real lesson of the undersea voyages of the Nautilus and Skate is that there now exists at our disposal a new breed of ship differing from its predecessors as much as steam from sail.

"In our lifetime this new breed of ship may revolutionize maritime transport. For Canada this vista is one of access to the great resources of our Arctic coastal lands and off-lying Continental Shelf.

"It may be fanciful, but certainly it is not fantastic to visualize submarine cargo ships on the world's oceans within ten or more conservatively—20 years.

Pet plan

"We are in touch with British firms who already have submarine tankers and are carrying on the engineering drawing-boards. The carriers are specifically contemplated for shipping Hudson Bay iron."

As for the road to the Deep North—Diefenbaker's pet project—a network costing almost \$100,000,000 has already been launched.

Hamilton quotes his chief, Diefenbaker: "In the past we have not always been dynamic. In the future we must be."

The fact that Soviet Russia has 4,600,000 people settled in an area similar to Canada's North, which has a population of only 35,000, rankles with the Canadians in the Government offices here. They say "If the Russians can do it we can."

Actually, Canada has only one town of over 100 population north of the Arctic Circle, while

Russia has ten towns with more than 10,000.

At present, however, it is the aeroplane and the helicopter, particularly the helicopter, which are being used to open up the Yukon and North-West Territory. During the summer the Government, proud of its northern development programme, flew groups of observers to Frohner and Fort Smith, but the present blizzard has made trips at this time impossible.

Prying open the secrets of the Arctic is swallowing huge sums. Last summer an aerial survey of the Arctic islands cost the Canadian taxpayer \$10,000,000. Sixty-five men flying camera-equipped Mosquito bombers hoped to get in two full months or survey during July and August. Actually they managed to get in only five days.

The Far North is not going to surrender easily. Charles King, explorer and writer, who made an extensive tour of the Canadian North this summer, is very blunt.

"The adventures who are there now have no particular desire to be part of the Diefenbaker land of the vision. They are there for a variety of reasons. The DEW line people for hard cash and the job of taking part in the country's defence.

"The Eskimos because they were there first and have nowhere else to go. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Government's Northern Affairs Department people are there to do their job and perhaps because they like the emptiness.

"No one who knows is looking to the day when skyscrapers will rise and big cities loom. The most optimistic foresee an indefinite future of fantastically expensive exploration and development."

Expensive

I had not realised how expensive life in the Canadian Arctic can be. Petrol is almost \$1 a gallon, diesel fuel is nearly 30¢. Almost everything but the fish in the sea has to be brought at huge expense from 1,000 miles to the south. The cost of living for the white man is put at ten times the comparable figure in the Canadian South.

Somewhere between the vision of Diefenbaker and the enthusiasm of his Ministers, and the scepticism of old Yukon hands lies the truth about the Canadian Deep North and its future.

ROUND-UP

MOTOR CRUISER

LARGEST plastic boat in the world has just been launched at Shoreham, Sussex. It is a motor cruiser with a fibreglass hull, 56 feet long and 15 feet across the beam. The boat displaces 15½ tons and in spite of its size the two 150-hp. engines will propel it at 17 knots. Plastic was chosen for the hull by the designer because it can be moulded into any shape. There is sleeping accommodation for ten people. Two steering positions, an automatic pilot, water-pressure speedometer and ship-to-shore radio are provided. The boat has been ordered for a German engineering firm.

SENTENCE OF DEATH

OVER an Alsatian dog named "Lassie," sentenced to death because it insisted on chasing motor-cycles, Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Conservative M.P. for Portsmouth South, hopes to obtain leave in the Commons to introduce a bill amending the law as it affects court orders for the destruction of dogs. It is thought that the Government would give any such Bill the necessary facilities to become law. The sentenced dog has been given away by her owner to an animal sanctuary. The sanctuary refuses to surrender "Lassie" and the police have no power to enter the premises to collect her. Meanwhile, the original owner of the dog is liable to a penalty of £1 for every day the dog lives. He has already incurred fines of over £100.

HIDDEN TREASURES

LEST their temples be desecrated and their treasures stolen by the devotees of the expanding Christian religion, the priests at the London Temple of Mithras hid marbles and other items of value in holes within their temple, Professor William Grimes, who was in

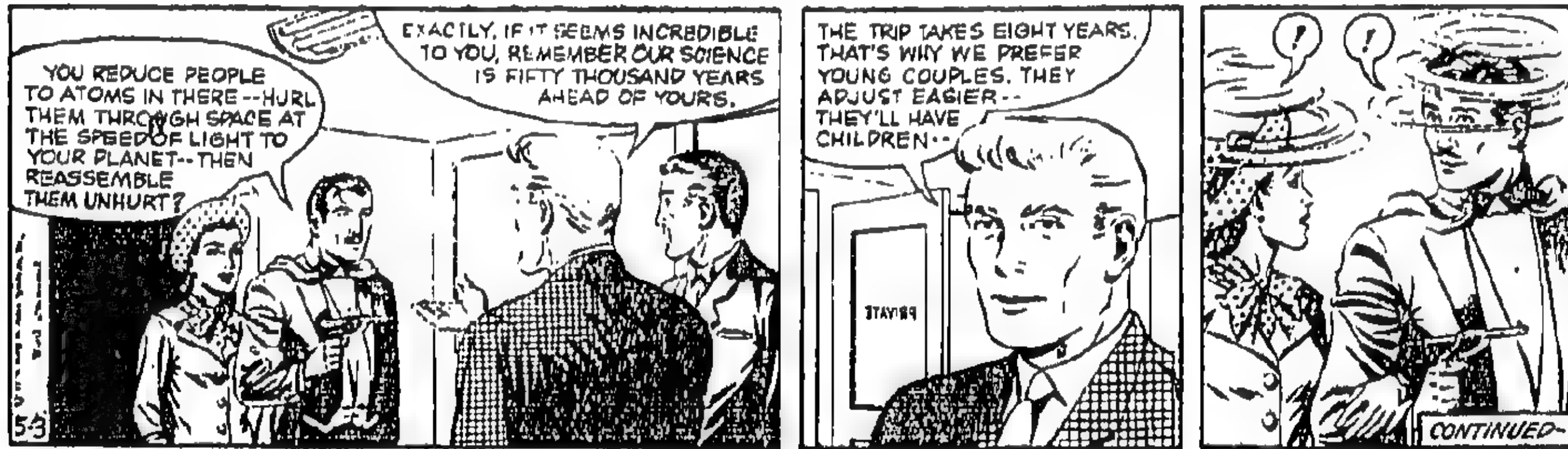
charge of the 1954 Temple excavations, suggested at the "Treasure Trove" inquest on a small enboxed silver canister and a strainer found on the site in the City of London. The coroner declared the canister and the strainer as "Treasure Trove," declaring "I seize them both on behalf of Her Majesty." When it was discovered in October 1954, the canister with the strainer inside was on top of a crumbling wall from which modern foundations had just been dragged by crane. The finds were "in a wonderful condition," said Professor Grimes. — evidence of the care which had been taken in hiding them. The strainer was perfectly preserved. The canister was decorated with figures which included a hippo, elephant, lion and various other kinds of big cats together with a snake and the mythical winged beast, "The Griffin."

STREAMLINING

BRITAIN'S "new streamlined" Navy will, it is said, have aircraft carriers as its core. "Jane's Fighting Ships 1958-59" just published. It is intended that in 1960-70 there will be 150 ships with nuclear-powered machinery plants, 200 ships armed with guided missiles. All combatant ships will be armed with anti-submarine missiles or equipped with anti-submarine aircraft. By 1967 it is planned there will be a fleet of 75 nuclear-powered submarines. View given in the foreword to the volume says submarines are coming to be regarded as the "capital ships" of the future. Reference is made to notable advances in the technical development and operational capabilities of U.S. submarines. Activity "points to the certainty of intensive sub aqua warfare in any future hostilities. It also indicates the trend of officers' naval planning and warship design. Naval officers attach tremendous importance to the submarine as an attack weapon, as a defensive weapon, and as an anti-submarine weapon."

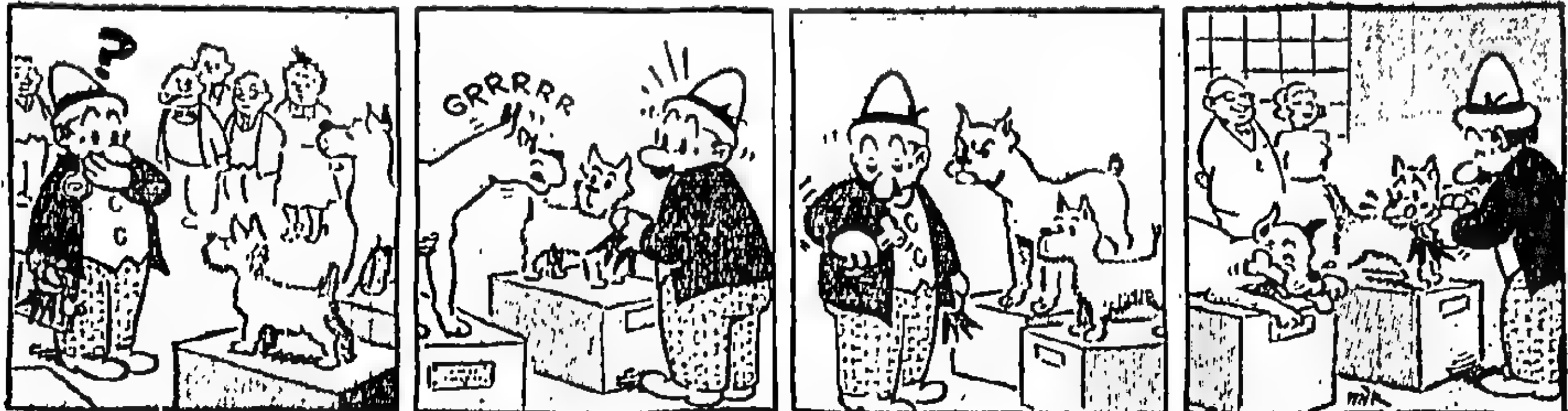
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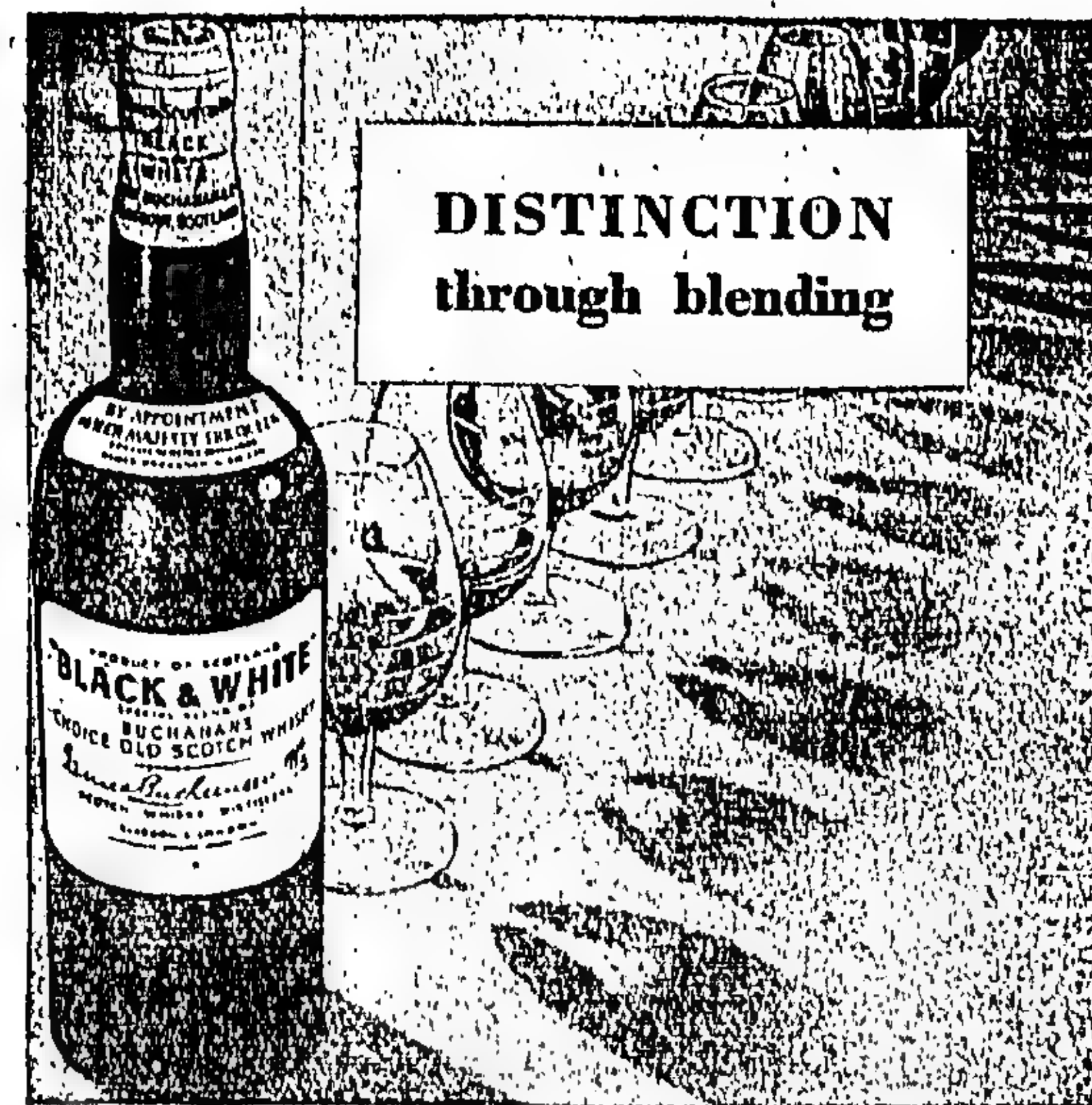
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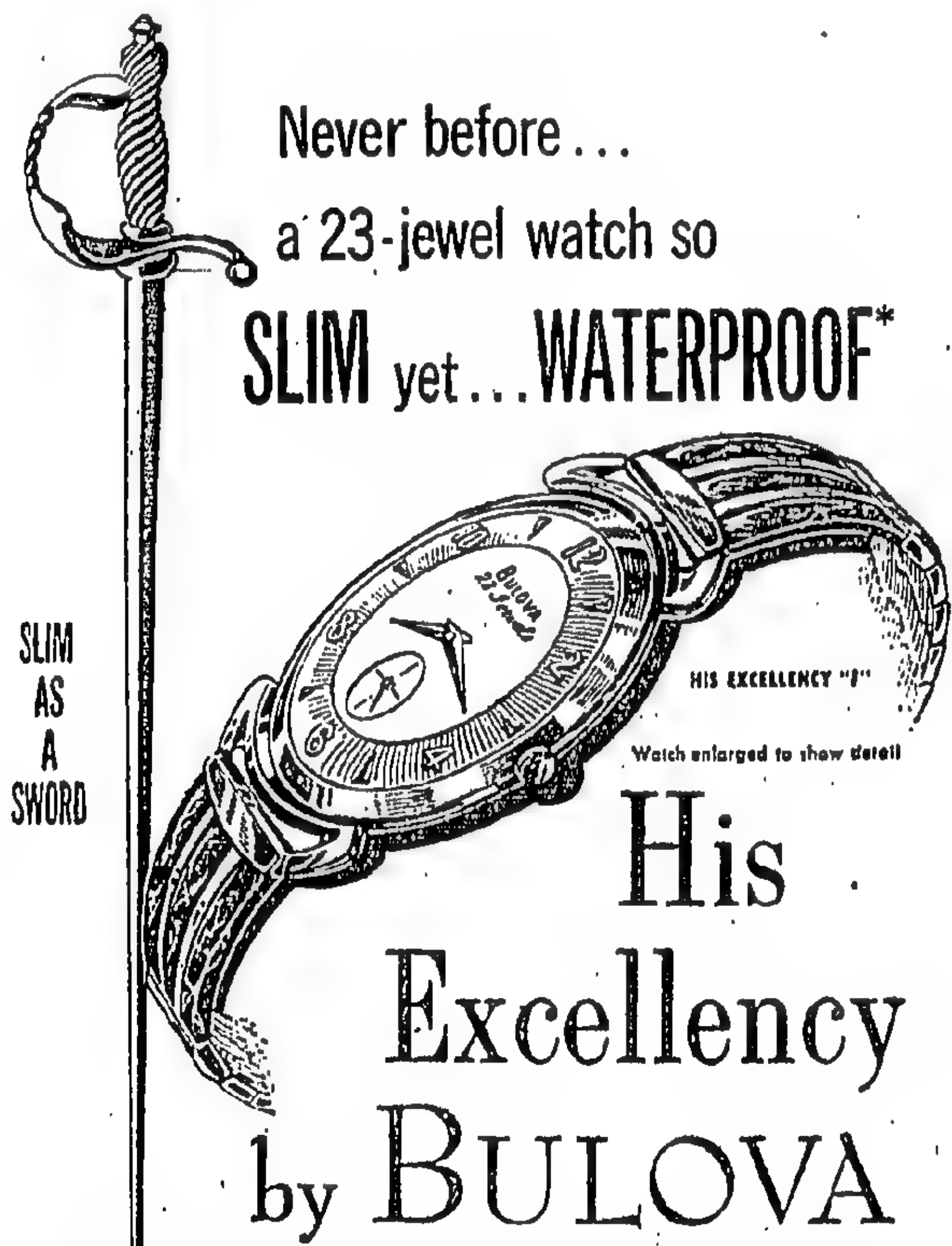


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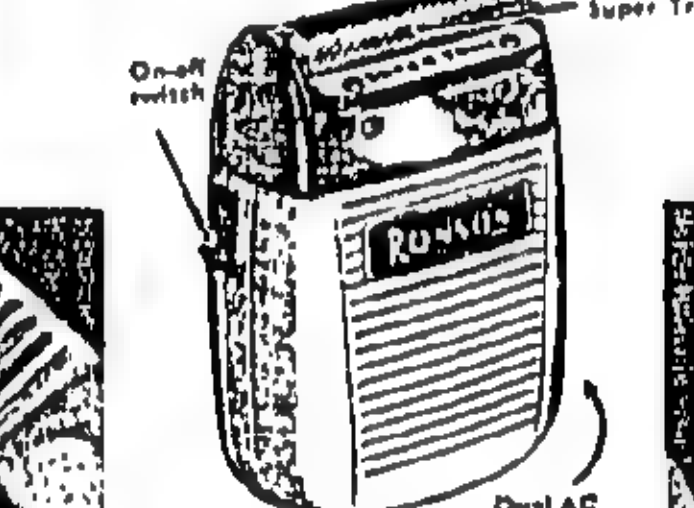
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Disc battle hots up —Val Parnell gets in the business!

THE battle of the recording heavyweights is on. ATV has just obtained what is described cautiously as "a substantial interest" in Pye-Nixa.

This means that the three-year-old Pye-Nixa, up to now merely a fast bantamweight with a handy punch, will have the pounce on the really big boys in the game.

Men behind the Pye-Nixa build-up are Val Parnell, managing director of ATV, and those talent promoters Lew and Leslie Grade, the Big Three of Show Business.

Who said that the boom in records was finished? This latest development not only confounds the prophets of doom, it promises to revitalise the British recording scene.

Chance for British

Val Parnell will be off to America for talks with two major American recording concerns. He hopes to pull off a deal that will bring some of the biggest star names in the world to the Pye-Nixa label.

"We intend to promote the interests of British artists as well, both for the well-being of the company and also to enable our stars to compete on something like equal terms with their American counterparts," Mr. Parnell told me.

Already Pye-Nixa have made a bid to capture their first castle—a new tune—in a night comedian and singer Ray Castle—to add to their impressive roster of stars. He joins such established winners as Petula Clark, Lonnie Donegan, and Adamant Hookbridge.

The situation is fraught with interest even in these early days. I cannot wait to see the reaction of that titanic trio, E.M.I., Decca, and Philips.

While they are lighting it out with Pye-Nixa to bring us the best of entertainment on record, you, the record buyers, are bound to be on the winning side.

Bill Haley back with a riot

WE said that Bill Haley is dead—but he does not seem to be down. Last week he turned up with his band of rockers in Paris. Result: a minor riot at the Olympia Music Hall.

If you do not like it, remember the old saying: "Don't shoot the marshal. He's doing his best."

Teenagers who decided that he had given them short measure ripped out seats and smashed bottles.

So if Haley cannot claim to have broken into the Best Sellers lately, at least he can assert: "We were a riot!"

That gun-toting marshal of Tombstone, Arizona, has finally caught up with us. Wyatt Earp has burst into song. H.M.V. have just issued "The Legend of Wyatt Earp" and "Down in the Meadow." Singer-actor Hugh O'Brian. He is better known to most of us as the intrepid marshal.

THE NEW DISCS

**** NAT "KING" COLE: "Non Dimenticar" (Capitol). Cole, a top singer, has not had a top hit for too long. And this song, a lazily sophisticated Italian ballad, never quite made the hit parade before. But this disc should beat both hoodoos. Cole, with his smooth blend of crooning voice and casual style, can still show his initiators a few things. The song is worth while, too.

**** JOHNNY OTIS SHOW: "Willie Did the Cha Cha" (Capitol). Best of the current big crop cashing in on Cha Cha with a rock flavour.

John Lambert

ROBERT PITMAN

THE BOOK PAGE poses a question that will disturb every parent now buying the children's Christmas presents.

But can the little darlings READ?...

ALL this week in Britain's bookshops the massed faces of a million aunts and uncles will be peering at the children's shelves.

What a neat solution to the Christmas problem those shelves seem to offer.

In December 1958 children's books are better produced than they have ever been before. They glow with brilliance and colour.

Only one drawback exists.

When the books are wrapped in holly paper and the postman brings them to your door, isn't it just possible that you may ask yourself: "Will they ever get read?"

CAN YOUR CHILD REALLY READ? While the gleaming new schools rise in every town, I find that more and more parents of young children are unable to give a confident answer.

CAN YOUR CHILD REALLY READ? The schools available to him may look magnificent. Even the railings may be painted in smart, contemporary shades. But what goes on inside? Is he learning the most important thing of all?

THE VIEWS

That question, I believe, is worrying thousands of parents today. It is worrying employers.

And today in the midst of the children's book season I report the views of two experts who say that there is good cause to worry.

They are the British educationists, J. C. Daniels and Hunter Black. Together in Britain and America they have been leading a massive counter-revolution against the so-called "modern" methods of teaching children how to read.



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Above all they are fighting the "Look-Say" method.

You have never heard of it? You ought to have done. It is the method used for young children in nine out of ten State schools in Britain today. It is used in most private schools too.

Let me explain how Look-Say works. An infant's teacher who follows the method completely will not talk about the alphabet to her children at all. She will not mention ABC or even "Er, Ber, Cor, Dex." She will start them straight away on whole words—even on whole sentences.

That is why—if your child goes to a "Look-Say" school—you will find his first text book such a puzzle. It will be full of pretty pictures. But it will not start with words like "cat" or "mat." Almost on the first page there will be such impressive sentences as "Janet, look at the aeroplane."

On page after page that word "aeroplane," and a few others,

will be repeated in different sentences again and again. Until the little boys and girls will be able to recognise the word from its shape long before they have any idea of the sounds which "a" and "p" and "i" stand for.

NOT LOGICAL

What is the reasoning behind this method?

The American professors who invented it before the war produced these two knock-down arguments:—

1 English spelling, said the professors, is not logical (as if we didn't know that already). The professors pointed out that even simple words like "book" and "foot" have the same vowels pronounced in an entirely different way.

Therefore—they argued—if you teach children the alphabet, if you explain how the sounds of words are built up with letters, it will only confuse the little dears.

2 Then look at a person who knows how to read, said the

professors. He doesn't really notice the individual letters at all. He glances quickly at the shape of the word, or a whole group of words, and takes in the meaning at once.

Let the children do the same, said the professors. Let them look and then say. It can be as simple as that.

But how has Look-Say helped with children's reading? That is where Mr Daniels and Mr Black come in. They find that—except with some very clever children, and except where teachers have reinforced Look-Say by teaching the sounds of letters—it has not helped at all.

For several years they have done research in Midlands schools.

THEY HAVE FOUND teachers who are satisfied when their small pupils can pick out "Aeroplane" from shorter words like "book" and "Janet." Say Daniels and Black; you might as well get children to learn English by sorting out different lengths of string.

THEY HAVE FOUND a class of ordinary 10-year-olds who were being taught to pick out the word "cavern" from a number of other words.

By the Look-Say method they did it in a flash. But when they were asked to write down "cavern" from memory they produced these variations: curven, crane, cave, carven (six children wrote it like that), coven, corden, camren, vermen, warden, carvern.

DISTURBING

Daniels and Black report some other disturbing things.

THEY HAVE FOUND training colleges where future teachers spend far more time on handicrafts than on learning how to teach reading.

THEY HAVE FOUND schools where children are not taught reading at all before the age of seven on the grounds that they have not reached "reading readiness."

What then can you do about it? Suppose you are worried by your child's reading progress, what action can you take?

First I advise you to get a copy of **STANDARD READING TESTS** (Chatto, 21s.). They are hard going for the person who is doing the testing, but they will tell you whether your child (at any age between six and ten) is below or above average for his years, and they will tell you just where his faults lie.

SO HELPFUL

And if your boy or girl is way below standard? Well, Daniels and Black themselves can help you there. They have produced a series of reading books which you can use at home yourself.

They use the old letters-stand-for-sounds method—but they have improved on it enormously. They are careful to keep out the difficult sounds (such as that awkward oo) from the early stages. I can testify that the results are excellent.

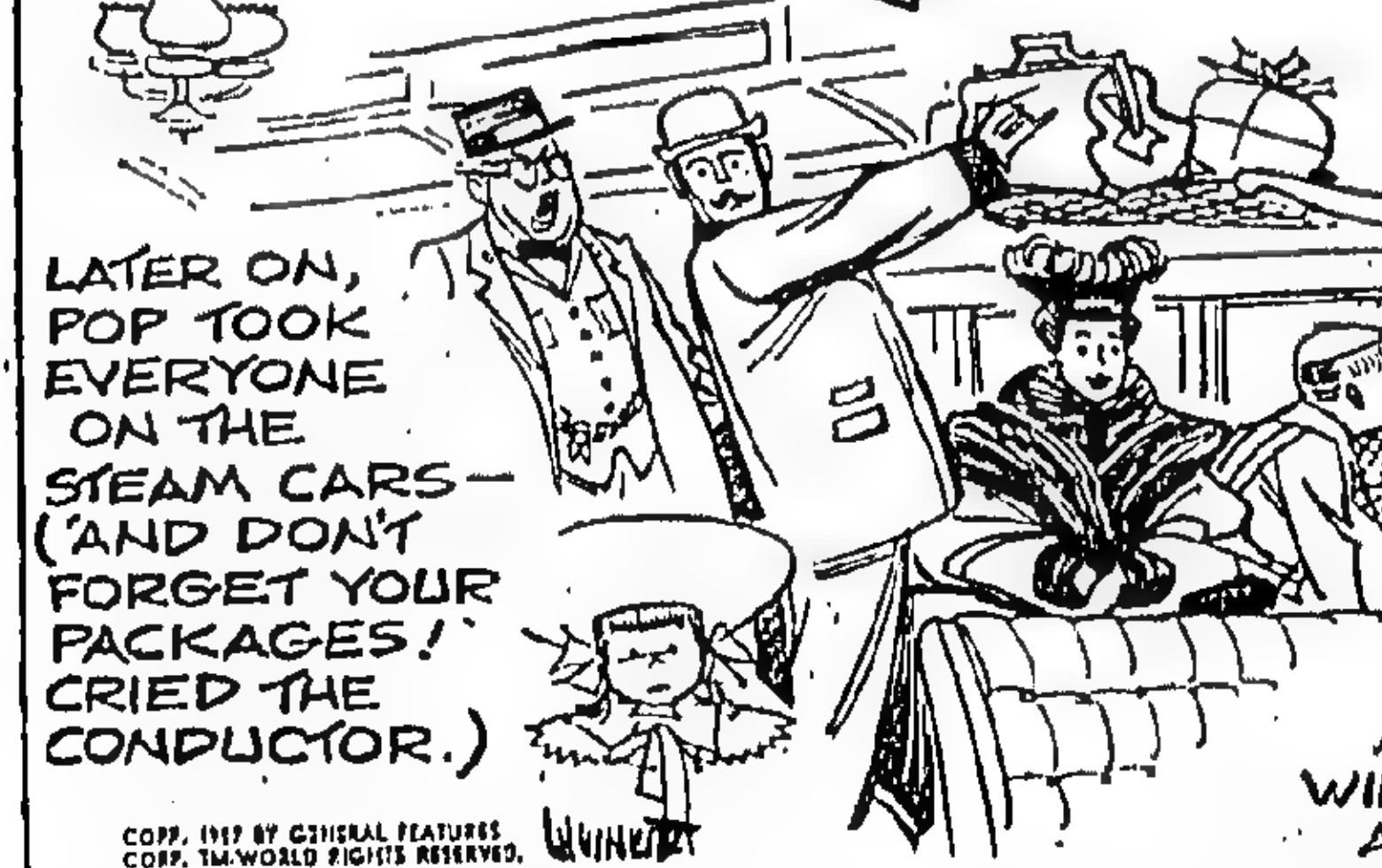
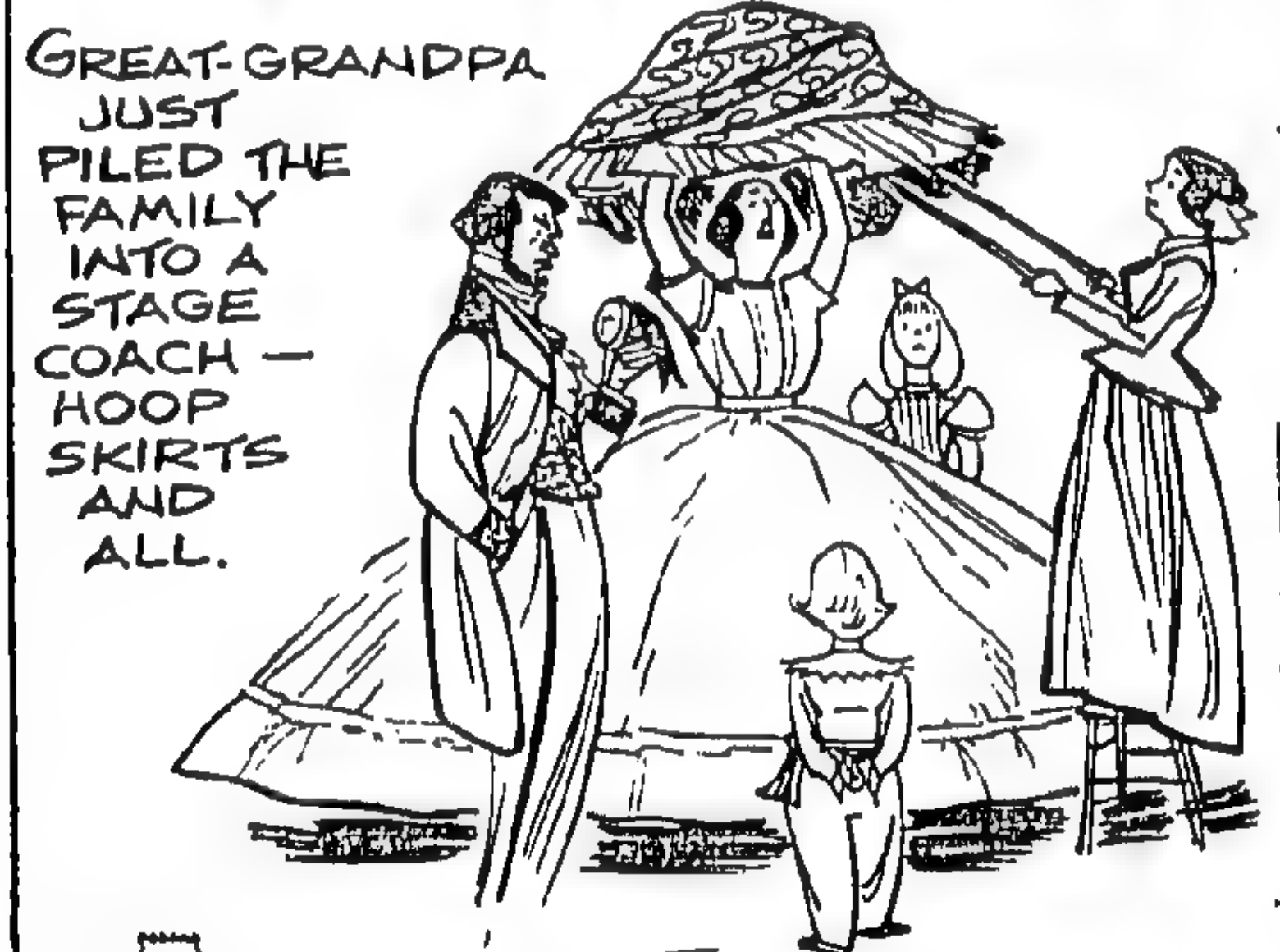
The name of the series: **THE ROYAL ROAD READERS** (Chatto-Book One, 3s. 3d.; Books Two to Nine—2s. 6d. each). The vital **TEACHER'S BOOK** which tells you how to use the series costs 4s.

I can imagine few other Christmas presents which could bring such profit in the years to come.

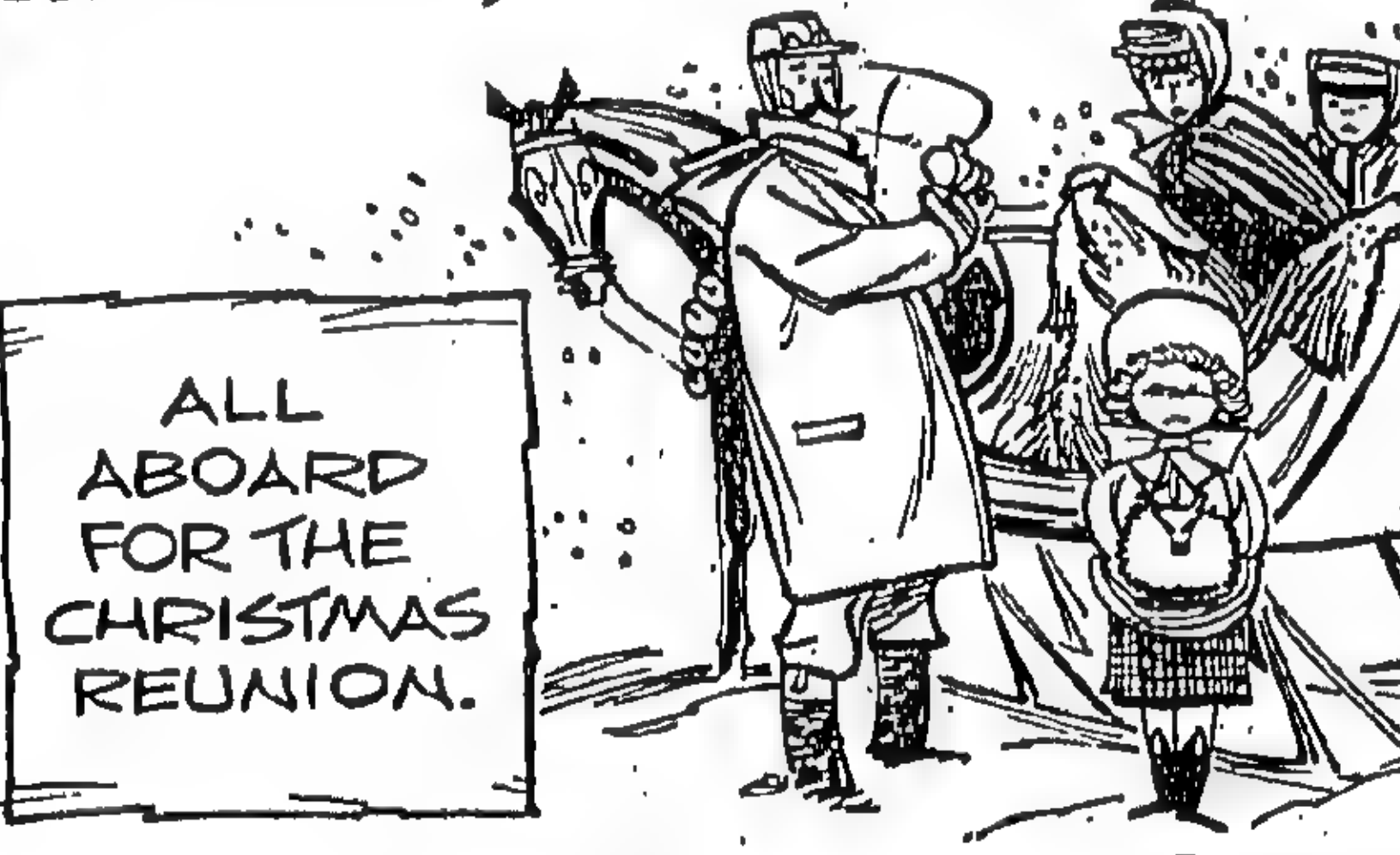
VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Christmas Preparations

By Harry Weinert



—AND GRANDPA PACKED THEM ALL IN THE FAMILY SLEIGH—COMPLETE WITH SLEIGH BELLS, BUFFALO ROBE AND SNOW.



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LATER ON, POP TOOK EVERYONE ON THE STEAM CARS—(AND DON'T FORGET YOUR PACKAGES! CRIED THE CONDUCTOR.)

ALL ABOARD FOR THE CHRISTMAS REUNION.

—TODAY WHEN THEY GO TO THE REUNION, ALL GRANDPA DOES IS HOPE THAT GRANDMA WILL KEEP THE CAR DOWN TO FIFTY AND PAY ATTENTION TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

"ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU KEEP AWAY FROM THE PUNCH BOWL AND POLITICS!... SUPPOSE THEIR OPINIONS ARE ALL COCK-EYED—IT ISN'T UP TO YOU TO SET THEM RIGHT!"

"IF YOU INSIST ON DOING YOUR USUAL SANTA CLAUS ACT YOU WILL NEED A NEW BEARD—THE MOTHS HAVE BEEN WEARING THIS ONE!"

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Queen's Speech Will Highlight Yuletide Listening

The highlight of Radio Hongkong's Yuletide programmes will be the traditional Christmas message from Her Majesty the Queen to the Commonwealth, broadcast direct from the Royal home in Sandringham.

This will be heard in Hongkong on Christmas night at 11 o'clock.

A recording of the speech will be broadcast on Boxing Day at 1 p.m. Her Majesty's Christmas message will be preceded by one of the BBC's traditional round-the-world programmes. The theme will be the pioneers in all the realms of endeavour, spiritual as well as physical, who sought new lands or new knowledge. From all over the Commonwealth, men and women who have shared these ideals will contribute to this programme, which will be produced by Lawrence Gilliam and Alan Burgess and written by the Irish poet H. J. C. Brown. The programme will be broadcast on Christmas Day at 10.15 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Religious Broadcasts

At midnight on Christmas Eve the Pontifical High Mass celebrated by the Rev. Father F. Doyle, S. J., in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, will be relayed by Radio Hongkong.

On Christmas morning at 11

o'clock, will be heard the Christmas Service at St. John's Cathedral, conducted by the Very Rev. F. B. Temple, Dean of Hongkong.

There will be a special message for all forces serving overseas from Canon V. J. Pike, the Chaplain-General to the Forces. The London relay of this broadcast will be at 7.10 on Christmas night.

Christmas Music
The main work in this week's "Sunday Concert" will be Gian-Carlo Menotti's beautiful Christmas story, "Amahl and the Night Visitors." Composed especially for television, this work was given its world premiere on Christmas Eve, 1951, and has since become an American tradition. "Sunday Concert" begins at 9.45 p.m.

"Monday Recital" will feature a Christmas programme by well-known Hongkong artists, in which Arripa Fox and Moya Rex will play a violin sonata by Tchaikovsky, and Frederick Morton will sing Christmas songs by contemporary English composers. "Monday Recital" is at 9.15 p.m.

Every Christmas The Royal Choral Society under their con-



Peter Finch

ductor, Sir Malcolm Sargent, give a concert in full packed Royal Albert Hall. In an informal and happy atmosphere, audience and choir join together to sing popular hymns and well-loved carols. A BBC transcription of one of these carol concerts will be heard at 9 p.m. on Christmas Day.

In Hospitals

Nancy Wise and Ted Thomas went out to several hospitals in the Colony and talked to patients and staff members. The interviews were recorded, in which the interviewees were asked to select their favourite records. Jennifer, of "Home and Hospital Requests", will be introducing this programme on Christmas morning at 9.30. Jennifer and Ted Thomas also

visited the fleet and talked to the men of the Royal Navy. They discussed the life aboard ship, together with the Navy's choice of records, will be broadcast on Boxing Day at 3 p.m.

Features

On Tuesday at 9.15 p.m. there will be a BBC "Thirty Minute Theatre" presentation of a ghost story entitled "Christmas Errand". The cast is led by Nancy Nevinson and Richard Hurndall, and the play is produced by Norman Wright. The series of talks on Chinese music given by Prof. Yao Hsin-nung on alternate Wednesday nights will be interrupted in Christmas week by a talk by Dr. Klaus Fothoff on "Christmas Music" on Christmas morning at 9.30. This is at 9.15 p.m.

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Commonwealth Words by H. A. Craig

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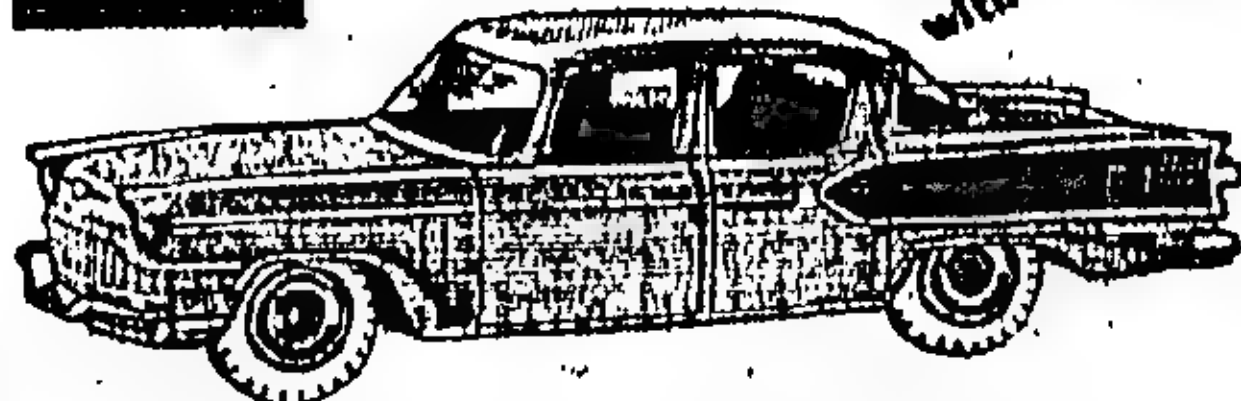
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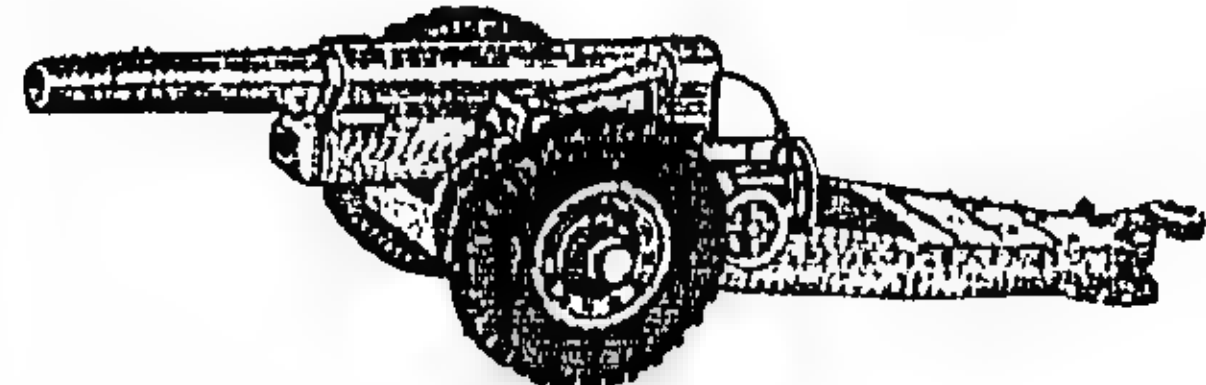
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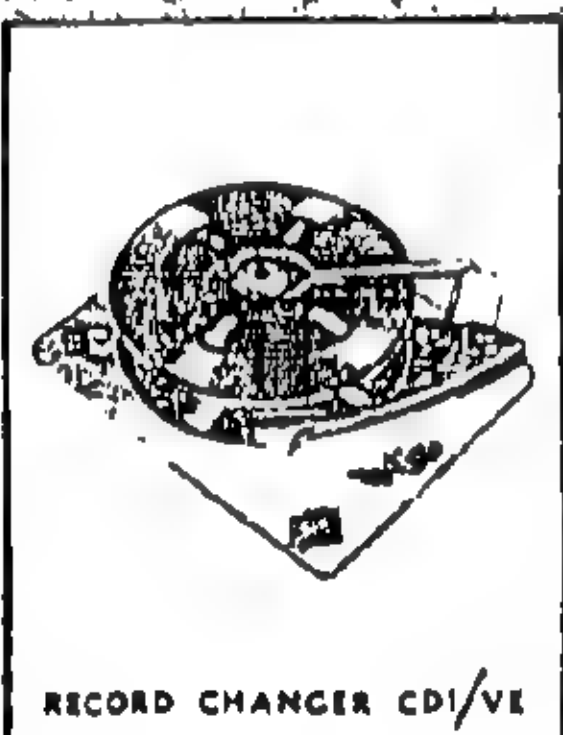
STUDEBAKER PRESIDENT Dinky Toys No. 170
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SAM WHITE'S PAPER NEW SHEET

Sharp-eyed Mme. Grueber spots the phoneys...

Paris. It is now 10 years since painter Francis Grueber died at the age of 86 and at the peak of his reputation. In the intervening years, diligent copyists have sought to multiply his output at least five-fold. Tracing these fake Gruebers has become the part-time voluntary occupation of his widow.

Recently she returned from a Sotheby sale in London at which a Grueber was put up for sale, only to be withdrawn at the last moment when Mme. Grueber denounced it as a fake.

Mme. Grueber derives no pleasure from this melancholy task, which takes her to art sales all over the world. She attends the sales solely in the hope of acquiring a genuine Grueber to add to her own superb collection.

Mme. Grueber, a woman of considerable wealth, is the daughter of a famous French

playwright, the late Henri Bernstein.

She bears the curious christian name of George as testimony to her father's disappointment at getting a daughter instead of a son.

Mme. Grueber attributes her strong sense of purpose, which she shows in many fields, to the psychological effect of bearing a male christian name.

Grueber had been painting for several years before she married him, and the financial value of his work rocketed like that of so many other painters during the war and Occupation, when paintings seemed the best investment in an insecure world.

Instructive

With his stark, sad nudes, Grueber was the direct precursor of Bernard Buffet and no doubt a similar popularity among copyists await Buffet after his death.

Mme. Grueber's experiences in tracing fake Gruebers is an instructive one.

The artist's painting life covered only 18 years and she has recorded an estimated 280 of his canvases. He never kept a record of his work.

On one occasion he tore up a prize-winning painting just before it was to be collected for exhibition as the winner of the 1947 French National Art Prize.

Fake Gruebers vary from direct copies to vulgarisations of his subjects to make them more salable.

Thus a famous nude of his, which became known as "The Venus of Buchenwald," was in one instance transformed into a fully-clothed woman enjoying a game of patience.

The first time Mme. Grueber found a Grueber fake was five years ago during a visit to New York.

New Venture

A friend invited her to see his collection of her husband's work and among seven genuine Gruebers she saw one she recognised as a fake, an opinion which was later confirmed by the fact that the date on it coincided with a period when Grueber was too ill to paint.

Later a Paris gallery unwittingly achieved the distinction of putting on a Grueber show which included 17 fakes.

Mme. Grueber believes that the industry in fake Gruebers is stimulated by a Paris art dealer who handles many of the fakes.

Eva Barot, living in the South of France, has taken time off to start writing a novel. Its provisional title is *The*

Thread, and it is dedicated to her one-year-old daughter.

Is it autobiographical? "No," she told me. "But it will mention some of the striking events which have marked my life in the past two years."

"Such as?" I asked.

"Well, of course, my becoming a mother," she replied.

Golden Boy

THE Man of the Week is 42-year-old Jacques Chaban-Delmas, who has cupped the most brilliant career in post-war French politics by becoming the Speaker of the French Parliament.

He defeated France's wartime Premier, Paul Reynaud, for the post, and thereby frustrated de Gaulle's wish to reward the man who launched him on his political career.

Of course, it was the triumphant new de Gaulle party, of which Chaban-Delmas

is one of the leaders, which secured his election.

Chaban-Delmas is the Golden Boy of French politics whose amazing good looks almost give him the status of a film star among women voters.

He is, apart from that, a man with a remarkable scholastic record and a Resistance record which made him a brigadier-general at 28.

An MP at 31, Mayor of Bordeaux at 32, and Cabinet Minister at 35, he seems to be successful in everything he touches. He is also a first-rate tennis and rugby player.

He is vain, ambitious, but likeable.

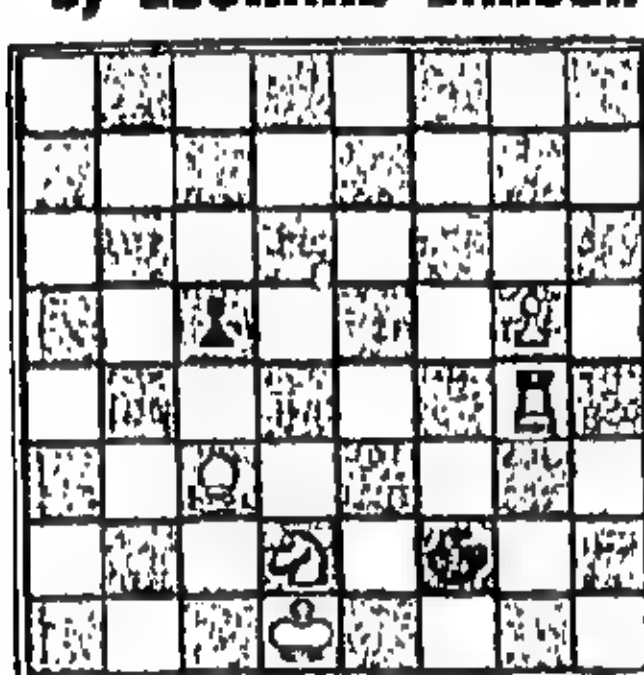
He was Minister of Defence at the time of the May 13 revolt — a delicate post at the time. But he walked the tightrope with superb aplomb.

The role of the Speaker of the House is an infinitely more important post in France than in Britain.

If anything happened to de Gaulle during his presidency, Chaban-Delmas would be in direct line of succession.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a new problem by J. E. M. Crampin (Bury St Edmunds). White to play and mate in three moves.

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TARGET

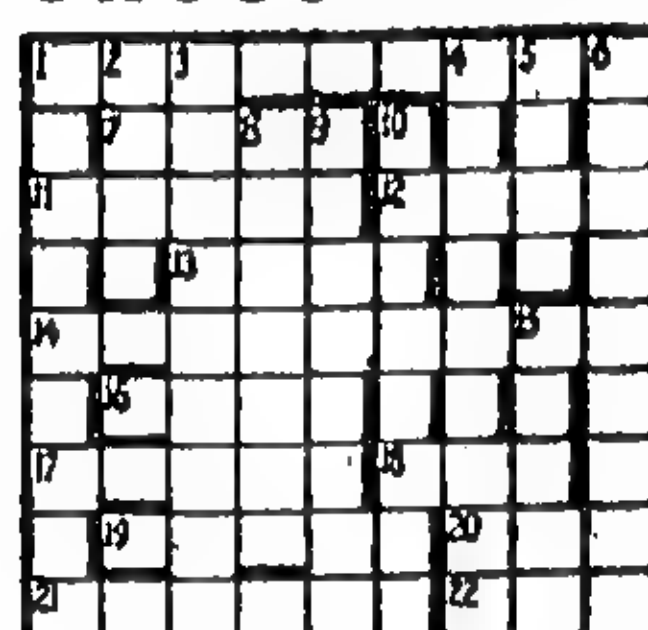


How many words can you find in the grid below? Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals, no proper nouns, and no words of less than 4 letters.

Today's solution: 25 words. Good! A good solution on Monday.

Yesterday's solution: One hundred and thirty words. Good! A good solution on Monday.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. The start (9)
2. Flower (5)
3. Widespread (5)
4. For rain (4)
5. Medical treatments (9)
6. Ireland (4)
7. Throw (5)
8. Wave (3)
9. Corner (3)
10. Salt (3)
11. Boat (9)
12. Young animal (3)
Down
1. Good-looking (9)
2. Otherwise (4)
3. Ending (9)
4. Infatuated (9)
5. Little lady of Dickens (4)
6. A U.S. economist (9)
7. A U.S. (4)
8. Oceanic (6)
9. D.I. (4)
10. Captain (9)
11. Victim (5)
12. Composer (5)



QUOTES

★ Actor Robert Lamoureux: "Love? It's the effort one man makes to live with one woman."

★ A parliamentary commentator: "You can tell the new MPs in the House by the fact that they apologise when they brush against an usher."

—(London Express Service)

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE unlucky expert staggered toward the window. For a moment I thought he was going to jump, but it turned out that all he needed was some fresh air to give him breath to tell his latest sad story.

He said, "I know I bid too much, but look at the defence they gave me."

"West opened the five of

trumps and East won with the king. He returned the queen of clubs. I won in dummy and led a diamond to my ace and nonchalantly returned the nine spot. West went into a short trance and eventually produced the king. I ruffed in dummy; discarded my losing spade on the second high club; came back

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WE are promised a "flying bicycle." The pilot will pedal along in the air, using his legs to generate half a horse-power an hour.

The account of this machine whets my appetite for the flying-wheelbarrow, which will be suspended under a fireballoon inflated with hydrogen gas, on the model of the one in which Philippe de Roule made his ascent over Paris in 1783. The wheelbarrow will contain a blazer in which he will be burned to keep the balloon in the air, just as soap bubbles can be made air-borne by keeping them warm. Need I say more?

Prognosis: You might have said a good deal less.

Mr Kipping's explanation
MR KIPPING said that, in placing his face in the row of eggs, he had acted instinctively and without forethought. Admiral Sir Horace Tealock said: "I suppose you realise that by choosing the front row you completely blocked three eggs in the second row, which are missing from the photographic record." Miss Froppstead, representing the Graders' Union, asked: "Where on earth was Mr

Kipping's body? Did not the photographer notice a human being standing erect among recumbent eggs?" Mr Kipping and the photographer, Mr Dooley, agreed that Mr Kipping had himself been recumbent. To avoid being out of focus, he had lain full-length on the floor, so that his face was level with the eggs. "A most extraordinary proceeding," commented the admiral.

Financial note
As a prophet, he has been very rapidly proved wrong.

Disappointment for millions
THERE are disappointed faces this morning. It has been announced that the short-playing record of a scientist's "hello" to the moon, and the bouncing back of the word "hello" was only an echo. It was not someone in the moon replying to the greeting. "Call this the space age!" whined a disgruntled youth.

In passing
INSTEAD of conveyor-belt motorways with a long line of traffic, one car behind another, as in the bumper-races on the Isle, why not have very, very wide motorways, with the cars in line abreast, advancing with all the discipline and precision of a 100-mile-an-hour ballet, and sweeping all before them?

Printer's frolic
Gently he took her face between his hands.

From a serial.

...Carth Wensleydale congratulated himself on his foresight in wearing two hats for his dinner with Maria. He had suspected that they would come in handy as buttresses for her rather heavy face....Placing the bowl on the left side of her head, and his tribby on the right side, he held her face, as it were, in a vice. She winced — as the lamp flashed her ear...."Maria!" he sobbed.

Answer on Monday

NORTH			
♠ 753			
♥ 72			
♦ 7			
♣ AK753			
WEST		EAST	
♠ QJ42		♠ K10	
♥ A105		♥ K	
♦ K42		♦ Q8653	
♣ 98		♣ QJ1062	
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A9			
♥ 98643			
♦ AJ109			
♣ A			
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥5			

to my hand with the ace of spades; led the jack of diamonds and discarded from dummy.

"East won with the queen and led a club. I ruffed, but West was also out of clubs and overruffed with the ten to set me."

As usual, the unlucky expert had been the victim of inspired play. Without a trump opening he would have been able to ruff out all his three losing diamonds and wind up losing three trump tricks only. Without the king of diamonds play on the second diamond lead he could have let East take his queen before he would have a chance to give his partner the club overruff.

Nevertheless, the unlucky expert had bid too much and really was lucky to find a dummy that would give him any sort of play for his contract.

♥CARD Sense♦

Q—The bidding has been:
East South West North
1♣ 1♥ 2♣ 2♥
Pass ?
You, South, hold:
♠ KJ97 ♥ AQ84 ♦ K1053 ♣ 6
What do you do?
A—Bid three diamonds. You only have 13 high card points, but your distribution is excellent and your high cards should be well placed. Also, your partner does not have to bid again.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner does bid again and his bid is three spades. What do you do now?
Answer on Monday

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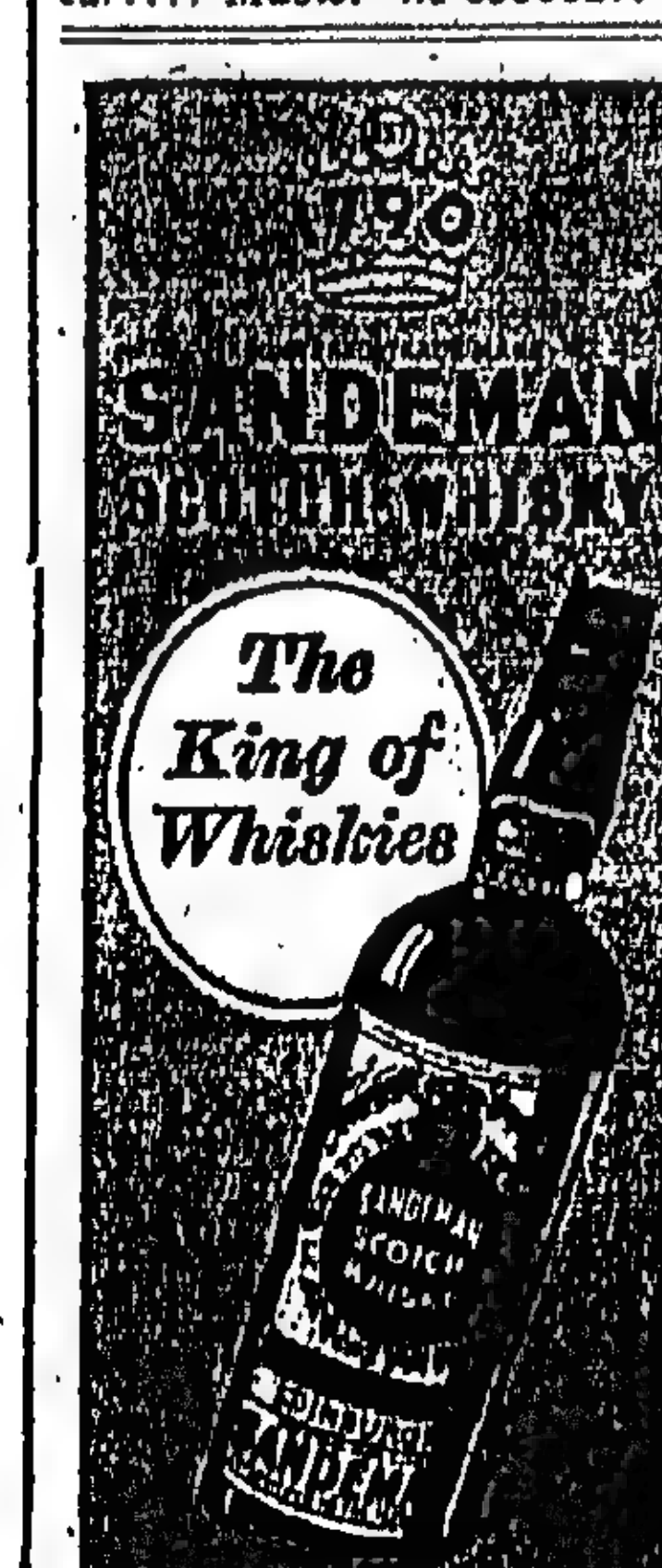
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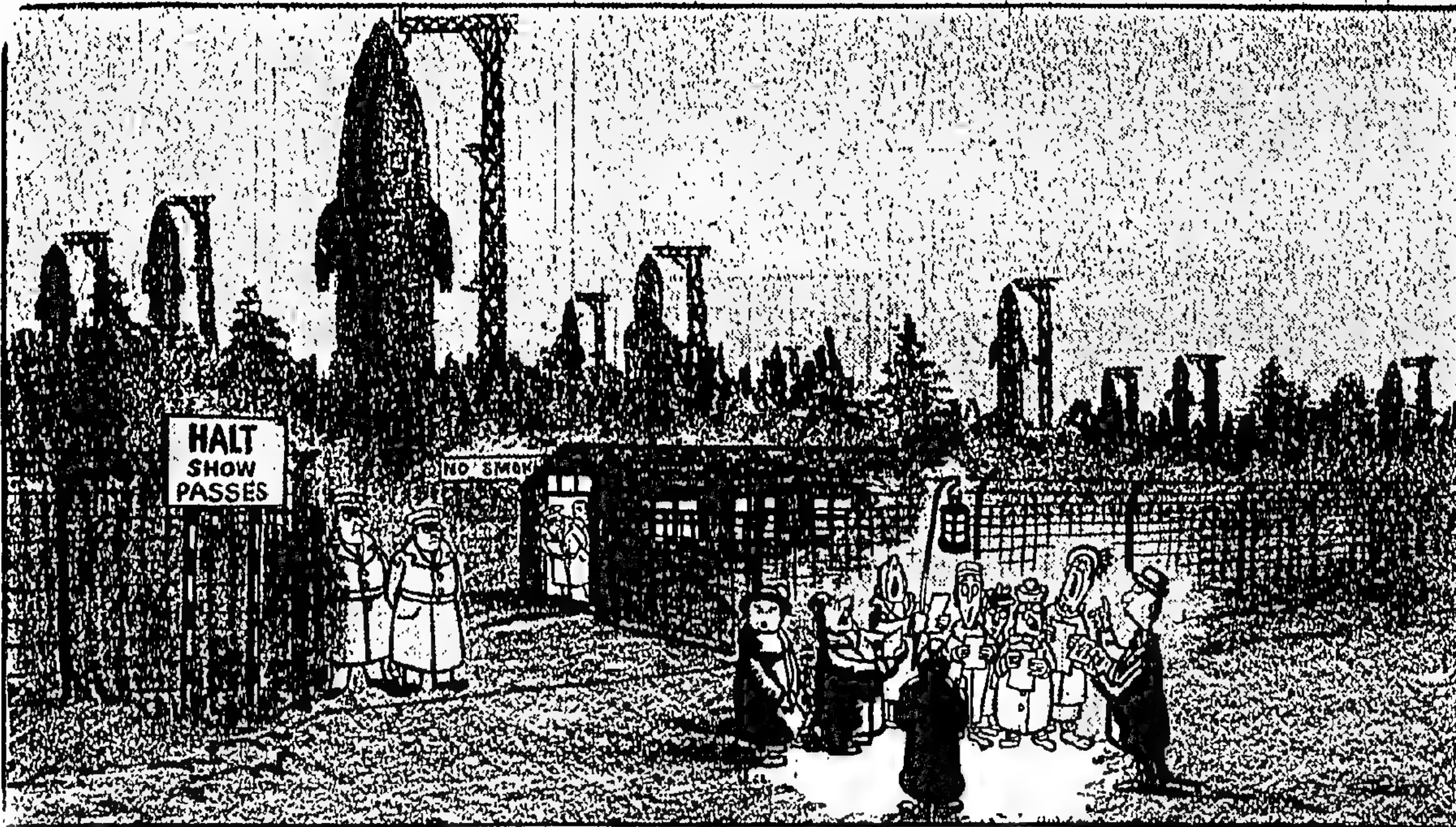
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"God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay..."

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NEW YORK.
I WAS trying to drum up some sympathy for myself today over the chore every man hates—doing the Christmas shopping—when an American friend said: "Nothing to it! You can have it done for you while you sit back in an armchair and drink a cocktail."

Within seconds I was on my way up Fifth Avenue to the store which lays on this dream service.

At the main entrance was a swarm of women bouncing off one another in the battle to get in or out.

But I went to a side door marked 721 Club For Men Only. A page in a pillbox hat let me in, took my coat, then guided me across one of those lush up-to-your-ankles carpets to the promised armchair.

One of everything

As the page bowed away a blonde undulated up to me and asked: "What would you like to drink, sir? Martini, Manhattan, Scotch on Rocks?"

I began to wonder if it was the blonde or the drink going to my head as I found myself clutching a brimming, ice-misted glass (which I was told I didn't have to pay for) and heard the blonde asking: "Are you sure you are quite comfortable?"

But she brought me back to earth a second later by asking: "Now what have you in mind for your wife?"

It was then that I looked round the room and realised that its shelves and tables were loaded with whatever my wife might want for Christmas—from a jar of both suits to a champagne glass.

The idea of this store is to put into this room one of everything a man might want to buy for a woman. As he sits there each article that takes his fancy is brought to him by a hostess.

Pearls too

Once a man decides: "Yes, I like that dress" (or that shirt, housecoat, or underwear) all he has to add is: "My wife is a bit taller than you, but not quite so slim."

The hostess then goes off to get the right size, while Steve, the batman, pours another drink.

Some of the men were running up bills of \$1,000 (£350). One man bought a furry toy rabbit, price 30s., with each free martini he sank.

I saw he had also bought a \$200 string of pearls, hanging round a rabbit's ear.

Not to worry

Some men, of course, are not as quick at choosing as others. Or perhaps they are just slower drinkers. But this is not allowed to cause them a second's worry.

There are telephones around the room where their offices can get hold of them—or a man can ring up his secretary to ask: "What size hat does my wife take?"



He bought a furry toy rabbit with each free martini.

by
ARTHUR BRITTENDEN

Or call his wife to ask: "Has my secretary already got a gold initial powder compact?"

Even if his wife replies: "And what's that got to do with you?" there is nothing much else she can do about it. For this room is barred to women.

The official explanation of this is: To preserve the element of surprise. . . so that a wife, fiancée or sister cannot see what is being bought for her.

But one of the hostesses told me: "You couldn't guess at the number of men who come here, saying they want to buy a present for their pretty niece. We never know there were so many nieces in America."

The men can either pay in cash for their purchases—or an account (to be sent to their business address) is opened for them on the spot if they look honest.

The hostesses are incredibly patient, but a woman executive at the store told me: "Women are supposed to dither over their shopping. But most of the men who come here haven't the vaguest idea what sort of gift they are after."

"We've known them to sit here for four hours with girls parading up and down in one dress after another. Then they walk out with a 10s. scarf."

"Invariably they imagine the woman they are buying for to be smaller and more petite than she really is. So after Christmas, when the sweethearts come along to get their gifts changed," I could have stayed in 721 Club for hours myself. But there is so much to see in New York just now as Christmas excitement sets in.

There is a Santa Claus on every street corner. Well, on more than 60 of them.

This can be a bit disconcerting until you know why they are there. They are collecting money to provide Christmas dinners for old people who might not otherwise get one.

Lot to learn

Each of these Santas (paid 28s. a day plus 7s. for lunch by the charity he works for) is splendidly turned out in scarlet robes, with elastic tucks that fit Santas large and small, and nylon beard which he is supposed to run through soap suds each night so that it is fresh and white when the sets out each morning.

I talked to one of them as he stood on Broadway, ringing a handbell.

"We have a three-week school before we turn out on this job," he told me. "There is a lot you have to learn before you can be a Santa Claus."

Some of the rules a New York Santa has to remember are:

- 1 Give special attention to your whiskers.
- 2 Avoid eating garlic and onions.
- 3 Never promise children anything. But send them away hopeful and happy.
- 4 Don't engage in any argument or dispute.
- 5 Don't smoke, eat or drink on duty.
- 6 Never leave your chimney unattended.

The last is the strictest rule of all. For the chimneys of the

sidewalk Santas—they are made of wood—are what you drop your money in. And it would be disastrous if Santa went off for a cup of coffee and a doughnut and came back to find his chimney had vanished.

So what does he do? He holds it under his arm and takes it with him.

Lines jammed

I do not know how New York's mothers and fathers explain away 60 Santas to their children. And their task cannot be made any easier by the fact that, at the same time you see a Santa in the street, you can step into a phone booth, dial Yulon 3121, and speak to him "at the North Pole."

This Santa's voice is recorded. So many children ring him up around bedtime that the lines become hopelessly jammed. Nothing could delight the children more, because it means they have to stay up a little longer until the lines are clear.

Some of the presents for children this Christmas—you can hardly call them toys—are enough to make anyone but a millionaire blanch.

There is a 6 ft. 9 in. long scale model of a car, costing more than \$200, that runs on a small motor at five miles an hour. This "toy" weighs more than 20st.

The last word

The young miss can have her big moment if Daddy is wealthy and reckless enough to buy her a milk-trimmed gram for her doll. It costs more than \$1,000. I thought the last word in dolls was the one with right changes of clothes—among them "an authentic fur, ballerina costume, street dress, strapless evening gown and TV lounging outfit."

But there is another—"The electronic doll"—with a radio-like gear inside it which is beamed to a remote control panel. This 16in. doll, with no visible means of support, can walk, run and ride a bicycle. For boys the shelves are filled with space ships and satellites. There is a three-stage rocket (Price £1.) driven somehow by a mixture of water and air, which has a push-button control that fires it to 300 feet. Then there is a bang as the first stage falls off, and the rest soars on. I also saw a four-foot long "atomic cannon," which is actually shoots polystyrene shells (35s.).

How much?

Among all these things a curdly wool dog looks grotesquely old-fashioned—even if it does have a tag sewn to it reading "Laika," the name of the dog that went up in one of the Russian Sputniks.

How much will the United States spend on its children's toys this Christmas? The makers are going to be disappointed if it is less than \$250 million. Yes, \$250 million.

If, after that, the grown-ups have anything left to spend on each other, they can send out cards costing up to three guineas each. They bear a Bible message and your name hand-painted. There is one solemn suggestion in magazines that no husband could do better than give his family a car for Christmas.

Or he can always settle for "A Merry Music Christmas" with a spinet organ at \$250. A husband can also have a telephone (choice of seven colours) fitted for his wife in the kitchen. She can reciprocate by having one put at the bedside for him (nine colours)—with electrically lit dial or a fitted stopwatch, "perfect for timing long-distance calls. . . making impromptu appointments."

Also FOR HIM—a set of three solid sterling silver golf tees (\$2). FOR HER—a "beguiling jewelled dog pin" (£130).

I wonder . . .

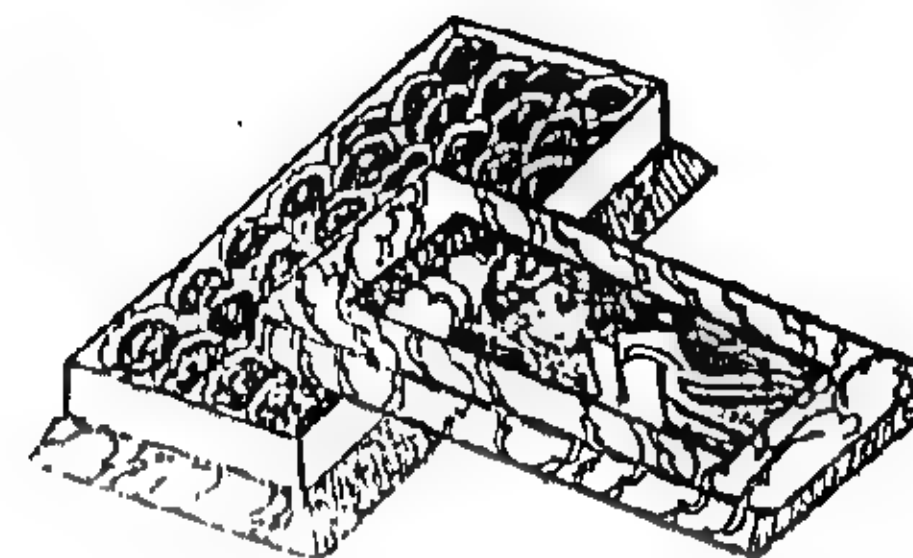
There is, too, a great craze for "personalised" gifts—meaning that you have inscribed on them the initials of persons to whom you are giving them. There are personalised car mufflers, tooth picks, door mats and candles. The list is endless.

Not for a moment do I believe we are going to have anything but a joyful, rollicking Christmas here in New York. But I can't help noticing the advert which keeps cropping up, in some of the newspapers.

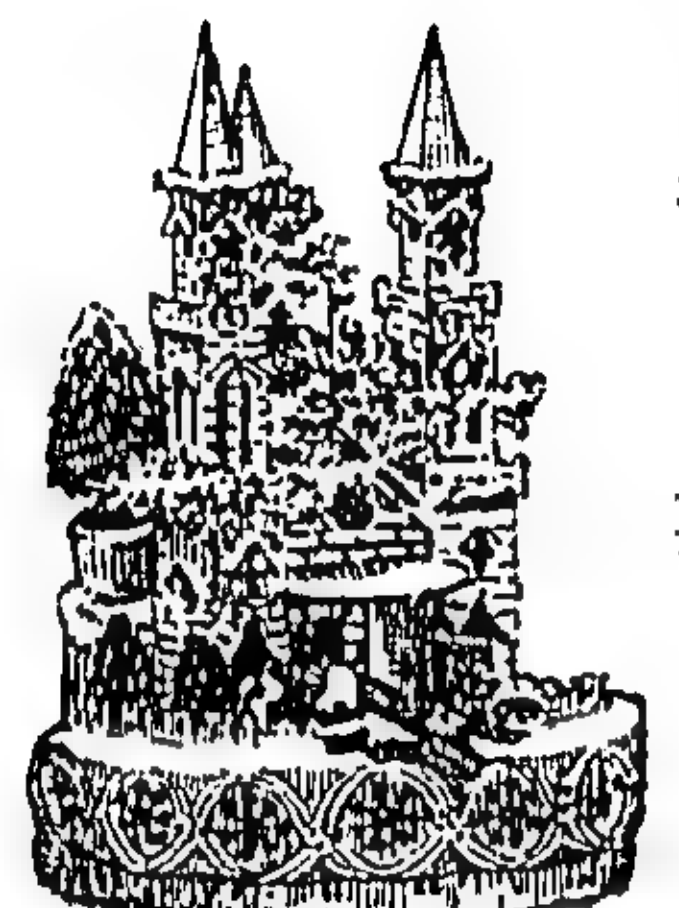
It is put there by a bank and it reads: Join our 1959 Christmas club now. Then you'll have \$25 to \$50 for Christmas 1959. I hope they are right. For the way we are heading towards Christmas 1959 makes me wonder if any of us will have anything in the bank ever again.



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TODAY'S HEXANGULAR RUGBY

Club Face A Big Test Against RAF But Both Army Teams Should Win

By PAK LO

The Club face their big test in the Hexangular Tournament this afternoon when they clash with the Senior Service on the Club ground at 4.15 p.m., for a win here will take them to second place in the Table. Both the Army XV's are in action this afternoon, and both are expected to take the two points from their opponents. At Kai Tak at 3.00 p.m. Army South face bottom-of-the-table Police, while at 4.15 p.m. on the same ground, Army North will have to go all out to beat the airmen who are at home today.

The other game on the Club ground is between Club "B" and the Whitfield Wanderers. The Wanderers have always been impressive on the Club ground, and are likely to win again today.

One other minor match is scheduled between RAF "B" and the 1st Lancs at 3.00 p.m. on the Army ground in Boundary Street.

The Club are putting out their strongest XV available this afternoon, but are missing Cheong in the centre of the three, with Addis coming in his place. Otherwise the Club back division is unchanged. In the Pack, Newbelling now fit again returns to the second row.

Definitely Good

The Navy are of course still without Rodd, but even without him they have a very strong XV this afternoon. With Isaacs as hooker they should win the majority of the scrums, and while they may have to share the lineouts, their backs

should get a plentiful supply of the ball. The halves and backs are definitely good with Kaye at full-back. Kaye will be remembered as the Kanieri star full-back, and he also played for the Colony in that position, but they will be up against the hard tackling Club backs today and will be lucky to penetrate to any great extent.

The Club three are the more dangerous, and if they get the ball they can and should score. The Club have, if anything, the slightly faster and better back row in their pack, and these three are liable to hamper Haenga and Melhuish in getting the ball away.

The Club also will be all out to show that last week's defeat was merely a flash in the pan, and they should just win this afternoon, though a draw here would be no surprise.

In the Army South-Police game the Police have kept O'Hare at scrum-half with much success, but have had to drop Dunn back to full-back as Ringer was injured in the mid-week game. Though few spectators knew it he played most of the game with a deep gash that required eight stitches after the match.

Stronger, Faster Pack

Army South have the stronger, faster pack and should prove superior in the lineouts and loose, particularly the latter, and this will give the Army backs a steady supply of the ball. The Army today can be expected to play a wide open game for nothing upsets the Police more, and the Army should win by a reasonable margin.

In the other game at Kai Tak, Army North, now at the top of the Table will be all out to stay there. They have the superior forwards, especially in the lineouts, and with the two Phillips behind them have little to fear from the airmen.

The airmen are playing a newcomer at scrum-half today and if he hits it off, the RAF with Martin and Radcliffe in the centre of the three could upset the favoured Army side. The RAF pack while good in the loose is up against one of

the strongest packs in the Colony and the Army North should win again today.

The Answer?

In the minor game at Club, Club "B" are stronger today in the backs, and have brought Wiggitt up to fly outside Tancock. This might well be the answer to Club "A"'s problems but against the fast breaking Wanderers pack they are going to have little chance to settle down, and the Wanderers with their good, if not outstanding three should win again.

In the game at Boundary Street, the 1st Lancs, who of course have lost some men to the senior Army side, face a fairly strong RAF pack, but the RAF three have not been spectacular to date and the Lancs with the more steady back division should win this one by a narrow margin.

The Teams

Following are the teams for today's games:

Club: Lochrie, Browne, McTavish, Addis, Inglis, Valentine, Bennett, Whiteley, Shaffer, Williams, Howe, Newbelling, Penman, Steven, Campbell.

Club "B": Martin, Hutt, Heenan, Laville, Cooke, Wiggitt, Tancock, Turner, King, Kilvert, Walker, Collinson, Senk, Ut, O'Leary.

Police: Dunn, Fisher, Johnson, Scott, Bellingham, Riach, O'Hare, Purves, Cunningham, Shelley, Newton, Counsell, Roberts, Ross, Bryan.

Army South: Woodward, Bickell, Sharp, Gould, Brown, Warrington, Clarke, Chappel, Uttley, Lemage, Mander, Gibby, Carney, Clarke, Lees.

Army North: Leppard, Bede-Cox, Bopes, Jowett, Pousley, Phillips, Graham, McIntosh, Morrison, Whym, Maniz, Hill, Hodge, Whitmore.

RAF: Wilcox, Burwood, Martin, Radcliffe, Poyner, Lowe, Sample, Steer, Hill, Wright, Moss, Ahern Brackenbury, Roberts, Conway, Touch-Judge, Coombes.

RAF "B": Fitchett, Sweatling, Hughes, Kelly, McShane, Blake, Howitt, Richardson, Jones, Kings, Forre, Campbell, Bird, Segar, Haigh. Touch judge—Francis.

Navy: Kaye, Watson, Delaney, Puttock, Devan, Melhuish, Heenga, Ross Isaacs, Strachen, Russell, Hunt, Douglas, Hollick, Price.

Whitfield Wanderers: Crawford, Watson, A. N. O'Leary, Sanderson, Young, Woolender, Elliott, Wiseman, Richards, Grimsell, Tanbridge, Cleary, Helling, Priot, Lodge.

Referees

Club "B" v Whitfield Wanderers—Harley.

Club v Navy—Richardson.

Police v Army South—Dor.

RAF v Army North—Qual-tough.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which world title fight attracted the largest paid attendance in boxing history?
2. Where will the 1962 European Games be held?
3. Who is the new Australian cricket captain?
4. Under what name did Hocco Francis Marchegiano become world famous?
5. How many Wimbledon men's singles champions have turned professional since the war?
6. What is "The Sport of Kings"?
7. Who has made £2,500 between a lunch and tea break?
8. In which sports can you compete for (a) the Harry Fern Trophy, (b) the Jules Rimet Cup, (c) the Swaythling Cup?
9. What are the surnames of these famous tennis players—(a) Unslome, (b) Denny, (c) Frank?
10. Gene Tunney lost only one contest during a career lasting eleven years. Who beat him? (Answers on Page 22)

Norm O'Neill Shows The Way

EXPOSES THE FOLLY OF TORTOISE TECHNIQUE IN 1ST TEST

From Alex Bannister

Sadly mistaken tactics and miserable batting failures cost England the first Test by the large margin of eight wickets.

Australia won deservedly.

The budding genius of Norman O'Neill provided in his maiden Test, the first since the English approach, and the first magic sight of genuine class in a long time.

The pupil gave the experienced English professors a salutary but elementary lesson—that the bat is an offensive weapon, whether used on the village green or on the Test arena.

Loader Lapse

In 113 minutes at the wicket, he not merely proved his potential greatness, but shattered the foolish myth that it is impossible to run strokes on a pitch of this pace.

From O'Neill's bat there flowed perfectly executed cuts and drives which made the pulse quicken.

With Jimmy Burke, who stayed for the duration of the match-winning innings, O'Neill shared in a partnership of 89, highest of the match.

His only mistake was when he scooped up a ball from Lock, but Loader, apparently blinded by the sun, allowed it to drop harmlessly at his feet.



O'NEILL GOING IN TO BAT

So Lock was denied a second wicket which he richly deserved.

Frankly, O'Neill made England's tortoise batting technique look absurd. If Peter May is the captain I think he is, he will say to himself, to Graveney, Cowdrey and, possibly, Dexter: "Go and do likewise."

Lost Prestige

I am convinced that, if England follow their natural methods, they can take heavy toll of an Australian attack which is full of holes.

These futile, ridiculous waiting and wearing-down tactics not only invited disaster, but

lost England much prestige and good will in Australia. Only a positive approach from now on can restore that lost confidence.

The truth is that in two matches in Queensland, English cricket sank to levels which were not pleasant to see. Only the truly great bowling performance on Saturday was worthy of a team boasting the title of world champions.

The bowlers having rescued the side saw the batsmen re-enter the ocean and drown. A second rescue act was never possible on a wicket which remained so good to the end that one wondered how on earth such paltry scores were made.

PRAY FURNISH ME WITH THE RULES OF GOLF ON ONE SHEET OF PAPER

Says HENRY LONGHURST

"Pray furnish me," I should like to say in fine Churchillian style to the members of the Rules of Golf Committees of the R. and A. and the U.S. Golf Association who are due to meet in the spring—"Pray furnish me with the Rules of Golf on one sheet of foolscap paper." What a stimulating mental exercise it would be! What a fog of pernickety points and general verbiage would be swept away!

The present voluminous book of rules, and the even vaster volume of case-law behind it in the form of Decisions, has grown up, I fancy, partly through a desire to conform with our American friends in a world-wide code, but mainly on account of the enormous stakes involved in modern golf, in money to professionals, and prestige to amateurs and near-amateurs.

As to conforming with the Americans—which, like almost everyone, I strongly supported at the time—the more I play on both sides of the Atlantic, the less I think it really matters to either of us.

Nobody Minds

After all, we play with a different ball—which you would think to be the first item of conformity—and nobody either minds or, for that matter, knows the rule. (It is, briefly, that we can play with our's there; they can't play with ours there; but when we play matches against each other either can play with either anywhere.)

The main proof that all is not well with the present rules is that, broadly speaking, nobody knows them.

If professionals, who live by golf, have only a remote idea of them, who can expect the rest of us who play strictly for fun to know them? To a kind of honourable, if incorrect, code of our own—to master them.

Penalised

Only the other day in Mexico Gary Player, who plays for large sums of money all over the world, got himself penalised two strokes through ignorance of a rule which I will wager not one club golfer in a hundred could accurately quote.

In doubt whether his first ball was on ground under repair, he holed out with this and with a provisional ball, intending to seek a ruling at the end, but failed to declare to the marker which ball he would elect to count provided the rules

warranted. Ever heard of that one? Rule 11 (6) if you are interested—and I don't blame you if you are not.

Of course, if people are going to play golf for £10,000, they will have to retain the present rules for the purpose, but that is no reason why the other 99 per cent of us should not have ours on a sheet of foolscap.

One fertile field of elimination could concern occurrences on the green.

Not Concerned

So far as I am concerned, my opponent can do absolutely anything he likes on the green—bar, naturally, move his ball nearer the hole. He can pick up his ball and clean it; he can tread down pitch marks; he can putt with the flagstick in or out or with someone holding it; and, for all I care, he can produce a small roller and roll a path between his ball and the hole. And, when he has done all that, he has still got to stand over the wretched thing and hit it into the hole.

At the moment, believe it or not, you may not "test the surface" of the green or "roughen or scrape the surface." In heaven's name why not? Penalty, loss of hole.

One Addition

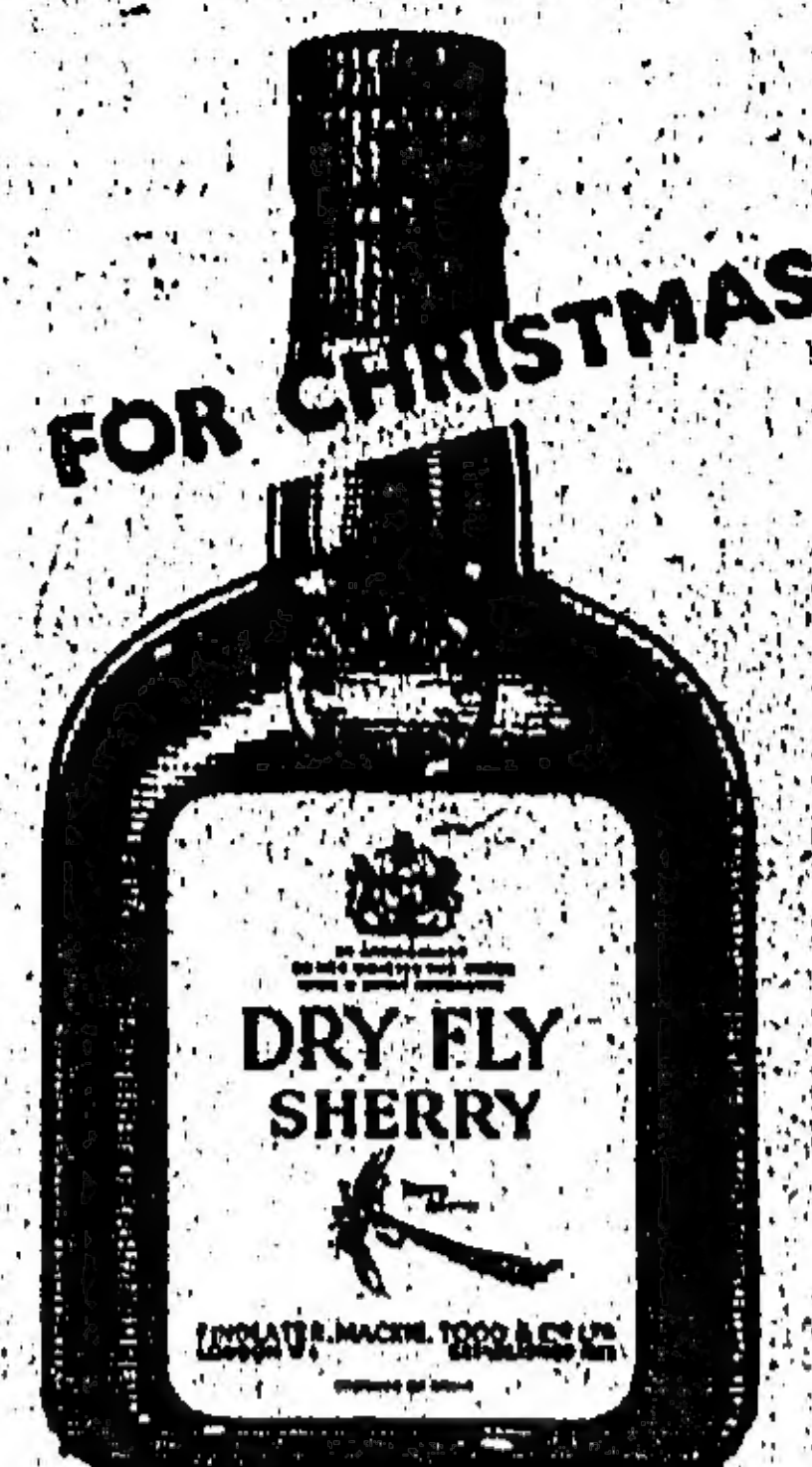
I wonder how many holes could be claimed and legitimately won on that ground alone this week-end? Tens of thousands I dare say. And pretty scenes there would be in the clubhouse afterwards!

Nevertheless, there is one addition for which at all costs I should make room on my sheet of foolscap.

It has become, of necessity, common practice to send the players out in threes, and in the Canada Cup in fours—which to my mind is, as a spectacle, the absolute bottom. This involves incessant marking, and even re-marking of balls and leads to that curse of modern golf, the five-hour round.

I see no way round it except, both in the foolscap set and the full golf-lawyer's set, to

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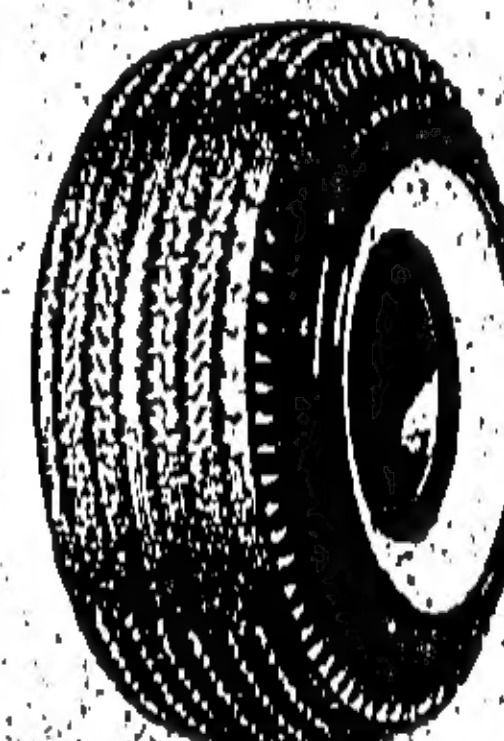


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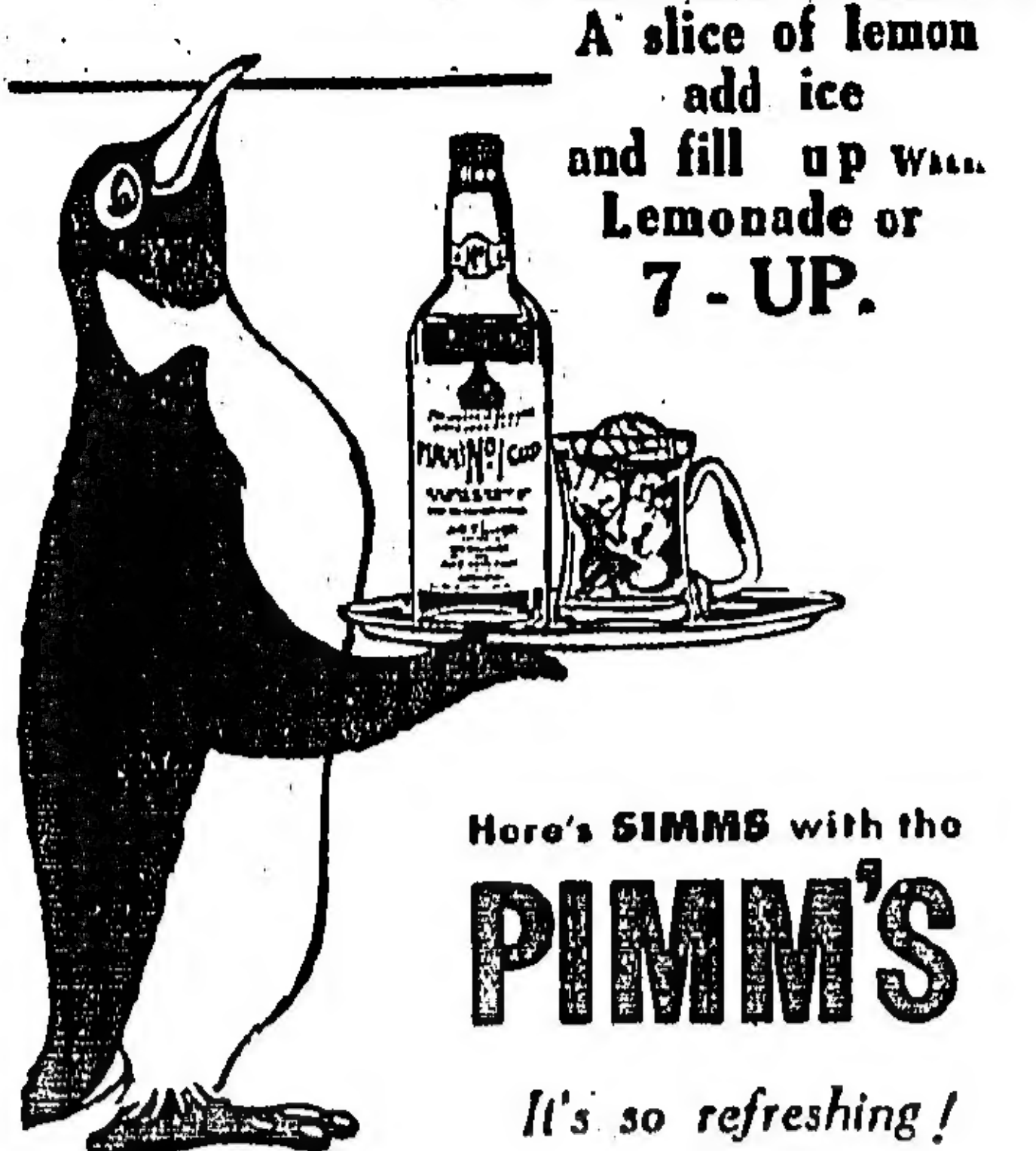
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The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons must wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.
Admission-Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, D'Aguiar Street and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 10 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.
GUEST BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.
Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).
The 6th Floor is restricted to Members, and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.
NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.
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Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each per day and \$32.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguiar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

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Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 12th December, 1958 will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

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Bookmakers, Tie The men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

HONG KONG, 6th December, 1958.

Cricket League Enters 2nd Round

THE CONTROVERSIAL TEST MATCH CATCH

'Caught' Off The Ground

Australia won the first Test match comfortably by eight wickets, but the controversy still rages whether Colin Cowdrey, batting in England's second innings was caught out by Kline. It is now learnt that an Australian television film proves that Cowdrey was wrongly given out. It shows that Kline caught the ball after it had hit the ground. Cowdrey was given out at a critical moment of the match, and the decision might well have cost England the Test.

HALF VOLLEY

English players were sure the ball hit the ground almost a yard in front of the wicket-keeper's method of gathering it suggested to the experienced eye that it was taken on the half volley.

Their suspicions grew when Kline did not throw up the ball in triumph, as is the usual custom.

Richie Benaud, Australia's captain, went over to Kline and accepted his version of the incident.

No one in the English camp blames either umpire, but it was a sad mistake at a vital time.



These are sequences of the catch as TV sees it. Cowdrey has played a ball to leg. Wicketkeeper Grant appeals as the ball goes into Kline's hands. Cowdrey is given out, but a film strip proves—too late—that it wasn't a catch.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

South China Tangle With Seminoles And Saints Take On The Pandas

By 'TIME OUT'

With the first round fixtures completed, the favourites of the respective leagues are expected to come through in the week-end encounters but as this has been a season full of surprises, upsets by the 'underdogs' must not be ruled out.

In the Senior league the pennant-conscious South China tangle with the youthful Seminoles in the morning and the league-leading Saints take on the unpredictable Pandas after lunch.

In the minor league the Dodgers and Chayennes meet the Stardusts and Austers whilst in the ladies division the University squad and Matadors are pitted against the Toreros and Overseas.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday Fred Dietz's Dodgers, after their startling defeat at the hands of the Comets a fortnight ago, will be all out to redeem themselves when they cross bats with Lionel Dayaram's team of schoolboys, the Stardusts. The Dodgers took the first game with more than enough runs to spare but the Stardusts have come a long way since and the Filipinos must not underestimate them.

Sloppy Ball

Immediately after this game the undefeated Chayennes meet the Austers and although the Indians are playing sloppy ball of late, I predict a runaway victory for them as the Austers lack the stuff to hold them back. A pat on the back must be given to Dave Cooper who is always there on the ground pitching his arm out for the Airmen.

The fair ladies lift the curtain on Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 6th Race Meeting 1958/59 to be held on Thursday 1st and Saturday 3rd January, 1959 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 23rd December, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

ARMY 'SOUTH' FAVOURED OVER 'OPTIMISTS' IN TODAY'S MAIN MATCH

The Colony cricket league season enters its second round this afternoon with increasing interest in both divisions. In the senior division three teams, Hongkong Cricket Club "Optimists", Hongkong Cricket Club "Scorpions" and Army South are on even terms at the head of the league table, with Recreio, Kowloon Cricket Club, Craigengower and Indian Recreation Club all within striking distance.

By
ROBERT TAY

The Junior division has so far appeared to be practically a two-way race between Army "South" and Royal Air Force, the joint leaders of this league, but Kowloon Cricket Club, last year's champions, who had had a rather lean time up to now, are still in third place and are fully capable of coming into the picture in the final reckoning. As the league table stands now, the two major senior matches this afternoon are undoubtedly those between Army "South" and the "Optimists" at Sookunpoo and between the "Scorpions" and Kowloon Cricket Club at Chater Road.

Brilliant Win

Army "South" scored a brilliant five-wicket win over title-contending Royal Air Force last Saturday at Kai Tak bowling through the brilliant bowling of Private Dodd. Dodd had up to then been playing regularly in Army South's second division eleven, and by taking seven wickets for 39 runs in this match, he not only made a spectacular debut in the Colony's first division cricket, but also proved that he thoroughly merited his promotion.

The soldiers' batting also appeared to be much steadier than it was at the beginning of the season, with Goodwin, Stoddart, Robinson, Everitt, Green, Merkill and Sadder, providing a fairly formidable vanguard. Army South have never been such a better balanced team as they are at the moment.

The Optimists on the other hand have been well out of touch during their last few games, but showed a semblance of their match-winning form at the beginning of the season when they had the better of a drawn match against the "Scorpions" last Saturday. I doubt very much the bowling of the Optimists this afternoon can easily break through the soldiers' batting, especially considering that they will be playing on the Sookunpoo wicket, which is much easier and slower this season than it has ever been before.

Even Match

As in most of their matches, Optimists' hope of a victory this afternoon will rest on the batting form of their stalwarts, George Rowe, Pritchard, Kilboe and Leigh-Bennett. Failure by any of these batsmen to get into the 50's will mean a decisive win for Army South, while a good stand by any of them will give the match a close finish with the odds slightly in favour of the soldiers.

The Scorpions-KCC game at Chater Road is expected to be an even one as far as chances of winning are concerned. Both teams are feeling the pinch of lack of one or two more attacking bowlers, and

both have been also highly unpredictable in their batting form.

Anything can happen in this match, but with all due respect to these two teams, it must be urged that their rate of scoring be appreciably increased if the match were to reach a conclusive ending.

It has been a usual occurrence for both Scorpions and KCC to keep up a commendable rate of scoring for their first four or five wickets and then fall off badly towards the second half of their batting.

Improved Team

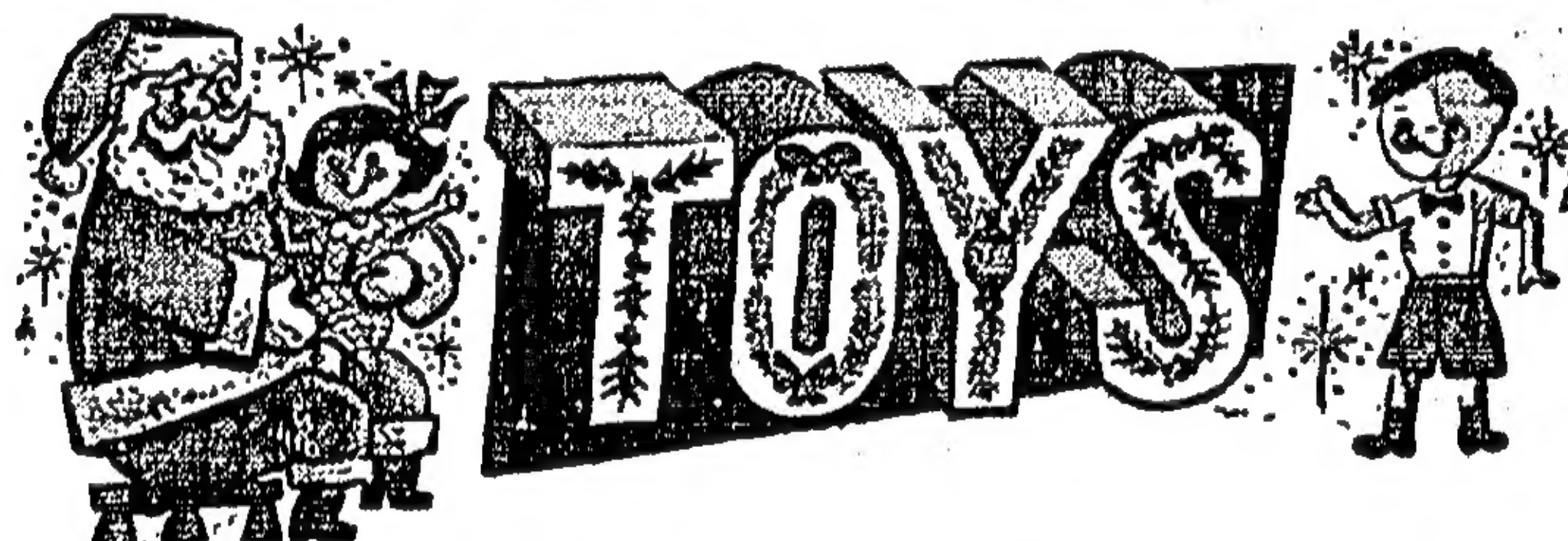
At Kai Tak, Royal Air Force should be able to collect full points from Navy and Dockyard, although it must be said that the latter are now a vastly improved team. What they need is a couple of high individual scorers and they will be hard team to beat.

At King's Park, Indian Recreation Club may find Recreio quite a handful and will probably be fully extended before emerging winners. Here again rapid scoring is indicated if a draw is to be averted.

In the remaining first division match, Police are fully capable of giving Army "North" a good fight, despite the slight superiority enjoyed by the soldiers in both the bowling and batting departments.

The second division games will see Army South pitted against Centaurs and RAF against Navy and Dockyard. Both are not likely to drop any point here.

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The most discussed football club in England today is not Arsenal, Manchester United, Blackpool or Newcastle United. The name on every follower's lips is that of little Tooting and Mitcham . . . a London amateur club.

In Hongkong we are now roughly half way through our most dreary season of the post war years.

At first glance these two statements may appear to be completely disconnected, but personally, I believe there is a subtle relationship between the two and I hope in the next few paragraphs to bridge the 10,000 miles that separates them . . . in a sporting sense at least.

Tooting are the current kings of conversation because they have fought their way through to the third round of the FA Cup and disposed of two professional league sides along the way. They are now scheduled to meet mighty Nottingham Forest on their own little ground in London.

There is a magnificent achievement and one which has captured the imagination of the sporting public far beyond the English coastline. This is reflected in the congratulatory telegrams which have rolled into the Tooting headquarters from many countries overseas . . . and it is also reflected in the tremendous national press coverage which is being accorded to every word or act involving the team.

The Real Spirit

In short, Tooting's triumphs against heavy odds have lashed cup-tie fever to the limit. The soccer mercury has been soaring up the scale and far and wide folks who may never have heard of the little team

We'd love to meet Tooting!

says **STANLEY MATTHEWS**

IF Cup shock team Tooting and Mitcham win their next round tie against Nottingham Forest and Blackpool beat Southampton how delighted I should be if these two teams are drawn against each other. Not because I think it would be a walk-over for Blackpool either. I believe that the progress of the small clubs — amateurs, non-league and unfashionable outsiders — make the Cup what it is. It gives the competition that extra bit of spice. It is a wonderful fillip for the little chaps. And it stimulates local interest — gives them a moment that is never forgotten.

Glorious Feats

Remember the Third Division's clubs Millwall, Port Vale, and Inverness Caledonian Thistle? Remember the glorious Cup feats of teams like Yeovil, Peterborough, and Colchester (when Colchester were in the Southern League)? I know that, as a rule, most of these non-league sides don't get very far after their giant-killing exploits — but they have had the tonic and the boost that a struggling club needs.

I shall never forget Colchester in 1948. Blackpool beat them 6-0 in the fifth round, but what glory for them! The newspapers were with them everywhere. They trained on oysters. They were the small town heroes. It was fantastic publicity and they enjoyed every minute of it. And why not? There was a magnificent achievement. And, of course, they had the satisfaction of knowing that the team which beat them went on to the Final. Yes, I'm all for the underdogs in soccer.

before are now anxious and sympathetic followers of their football fortunes. That is the real spirit of soccer. That is the infectious enthusiasm which makes the game the greatest team competition in the whole length and breadth of the sporting world.

Soccer is at its greatest when the cauldron of impartial acclaim is bubbling over; when the little fellows slay the giants; when the great upset is the banner headline of the sporting pages in the press; and when the unexpected tickles the public palate.

Vivid Contrast

How vividly all this contrasts with the dull, drab, dismal football environment we are having to accept here in Hongkong at the present time.

Last Sunday, for example, I spent some time talking to a spectator at the Senior Shield match between KMB and Eastern at the Club Stadium. By current standards it wasn't a bad game but at the finish this particular individual remarked casually "Well, that's two more points for KMB!"

It took some time to convince him it was a Senior Shield match he had been watching, so he immediately asked me who South China had to play and was surprised when I told him they had beaten Kwong Wah by 2-1 the day before in the knock-out competition!!! The fact is that the Colony football is as dead as a doornail at the moment. It desperately needs something to bring it to life, except on the rarest occasion, the fans are simply not biting at the rather moth-eaten bait which is being offered to them at the turnstiles. The generally empty stands tell their own tale.

Great Pity

How a situation similar to that which currently exists in England would have things up. A real honest-to-goodness upset would do our football activities the world of good . . . and a spectacular giant-killing act by one of the little unfashionable clubs would give the dispirited followers of the game something to shout about.

The great pity of course is that we are faced with the iniquitous closed shop arrangement which prevents the Second, Third, and Fourth Division clubs from ever getting a chance of bursting into the Tooting-style limelight simply because the administrators of Colony football have shown a

By

I. M. MACTAVISH

strange reluctance to open up the Senior Shield to every club in membership of the HKFA.

A Hongkong Shield would be a much greater prize to be won than the present hollow competition which presently serves as our equivalent of the FA Cup. Don't tell me that upsets would not happen here. Bournemouth and Northampton would have said the same thing before they played Tooting . . . the Royal Navy would almost certainly have said it before they went under to Kung Wah, the local Fourth Division side in the Junior Shield.

Face Lift Needed

Upsets will occur. I don't believe they will ever occur with the same regularity as they do in England . . . but that doesn't really matter for the mere possibility of an unexpected result is just as important to the tension of the competition as the actual upset itself.

It doesn't require an expert to see that at the moment our competitive football is dying on its feet and in fact it hasn't been for the very long time. The rise of the Police the season's interest would have been confined to two or three sides, South China and KMB — I don't believe Tung Wah are a threat — for on present form Kitching, Sing Tao, Eastern and the Army are the greats of yesterday's . . . are no more than memorable names. Nowadays they are teams living entirely on past glories and that wins neither points nor prizes.

The time has come to face up to the situation in a realistic manner. Hongkong football needs a face lift. It needs new blood, new ideas, and above all it needs a new sense of responsibility and a new sense of urgency.

Grab-All Tactics

The grab-all tactics of the star-hungry big clubs in recent years strangled the natural development of the game and that is why there are no youngsters coming forward to take the places which are being so reluctantly vacated by the fading veterans.

Big names are being stubbornly retained for their box office value long after their play has lost its sparkle and their bodies have lost the stamina to

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



play at even half speed through ninety minutes of hard football. Therein lies our tragedy. The future looks pretty bleak but if the HKFA is prepared to tackle the situation with resolution and determination much could be saved and much accomplished . . . if only youth is given a chance to make the grade!!!

From time to time in this column I have praised the work of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association as an organisation which sets an administrative pattern other similar bodies could follow with advantage.

I have just been reading the circular which the Association has issued to all members on the subject of the proposed marathon swim next May. The circular is a model of its kind and reveals the thoroughness with which the HKASA has examined the ramifications of such an innovation in our sporting calendar as a long distance swim.

Tentative plans are to hold the race in May over a five miles course between Stanley and Deep Water Bays and the circular gives a list of ten straightforward and easy-to-understand regulations which will cover the event . . . but it also gives a great deal of useful general guidance to intending competitors.

It goes even further than that. It gives some excellent information on how a competitor should plan his or her training programme between now and next May. It advises where training facilities will be available; and it also gives an excellent expert

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appreciation of energy expenditure in a long distance swim and gives guidance on the necessity of replacing this expenditure by consuming food of a high caloric value. The circular is a document of which the HKASA might well be proud. I read it with real appreciation . . . and that's something . . . I can't swim a stroke!!!

Are the curtains coming down on the brilliant and prolonged athletic career of our Grand Old Man of Boxing—Henry Wong? Unfortunately I did not see him last Friday when he was beaten but it has been very obvious for some time that Henry has just about reached the end of the pugilistic path.

Long Be Remembered

The Chinese boy dearly loves a fight and it will take a great deal of persuasion to get him to hang up his gloves . . . but in his own interest, and in the in-

terest of boxing generally in the community, I think it is time the HKADA gave consideration to advising him to retire.

Henry Wong is a name that will long be remembered in Hongkong boxing and there is no need for Henry to sever his connection with the game he has served so well. His connection with the Hongkong Police Sports Association will give him adequate outlet for his boxing bent . . . and his experience and his coaching ability can still contribute much to the noble art.

Retire . . . Henry, before you start to show the effects of accumulated punishment. You have done your bit . . . and you've had your glittering moments of glory. Let us remember you in that light.

THREE CRUCIAL HOCKEY GAMES ON SUNDAY

By **TONY MYATT**

This weekend's hockey programme features four games and the results of three of these encounters, should have a strong bearing on the current league standings. All games will be played off on Sunday.

Most interest will be centred round the Recreio 'A' versus Macaensis 'A' encounter which will be played off at 11 a.m. at Recreio.

This game was originally scheduled for 2.30 p.m. but the time has since been changed. As a result of this change, the match between the Portuguese second stringers and the IRC 'B' team has been postponed.

Macaensis 'A' have been showing great form during the few games, and it would not surprise me in the least if they come off with maximum points. Their forwards are combining beautifully and are getting grand backing from the defence. What's more, they are extremely fast.

Recreio Favoured

Recreio probably have it as far as experience goes, but, if they are contemplating a win in this match, they will require a great deal more than just experience to carry them through. If Recreio are defeated, there will undoubtedly be much rejoicing in the Army 'A' camp, for the soldiers who take on IRC 'A' at Sookunpoo at 2.15

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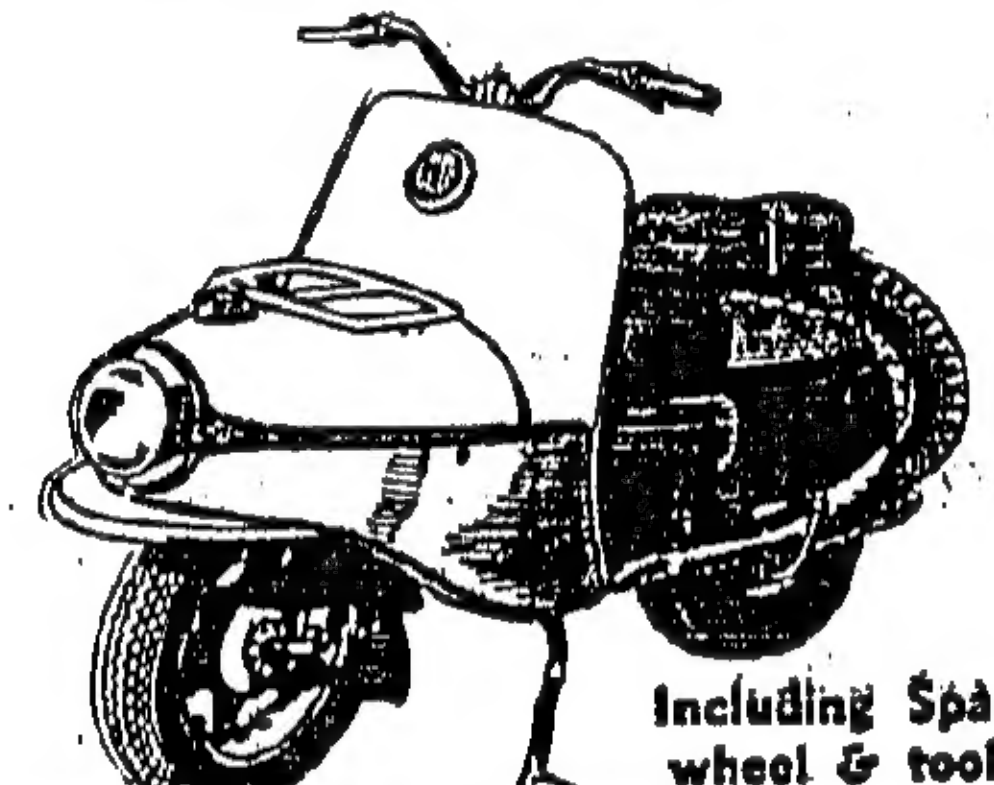
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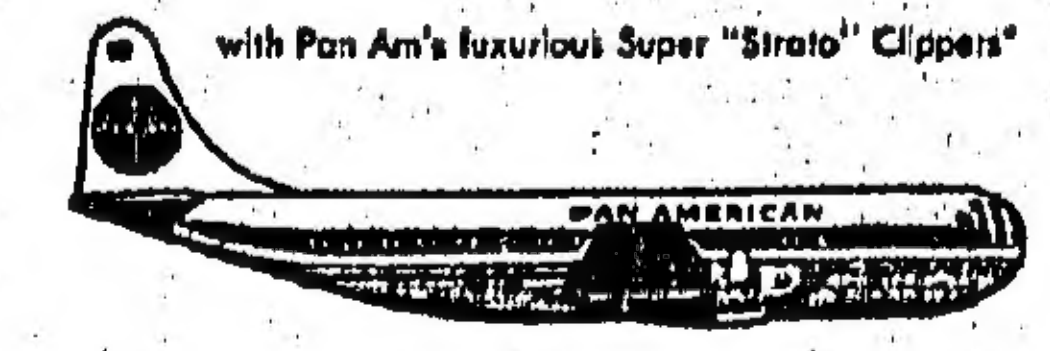
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U.K. POLICE SMASH AT TEENAGE TERROR

London, Dec. 19.
Britain's police this week began an intensive drive to smash teenage gangs which have brought fear to the streets of several British cities this year.

Black Magic Murder Is Denied

Brighton, Dec. 19.
Brighton's Chief Constable said today after investigation there was no truth to reports that a baby was sacrificed at a black magic ceremony at Rotting Dean recently.

But the man who made the allegations, Leslie Roberts, a witchcraft authority, said "The chief constable's statement is nonsense. They can't dismiss it like that."

Jamming Lifted

Nicosia, Dec. 19.
The Athens radio broadcast to Cyprus, which has been jammed since October, was heard clearly here tonight.

British jamming of the radio was stopped during the visit of the British Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan, to Athens last August but was resumed when Britain's "partnership" plan came into force on October 1.—China Mail Special.

Youthful violence reached a new peak last weekend with the murder of a young policeman, stabbed in the back while intervening in a fight between several young hoodlums.

A mass-roundup of young gangsters and their female counterparts has been carried out by hundreds of policemen combing London streets for clues to the killer of their colleague.

Carloads of Teddy Boys and sweated girls were taken to Scotland Yard and local police stations for questioning in connection with the killing.

The London gangs frequent the northern suburbs of the capital. Weekends are their "high-days" when they set out to raid each other's territory in much the same style as the gangs of New York.

They use knuckledusters, bottles, hammers, bicycle chains, knives, axes and back-saws in encounters which generally last until police arrive on the scene.

Then they flee back to the safety of their concealed hide-outs.

Clothes

In several other British cities and towns the pattern of youthful gangsterism is much the same. They dress in expensive Edwardian suits, with draped jackets, drainpipe trousers and string ties.

Their girls wear tight skirts, sweaters, black stockings and heavy make-up. Frequently they carry "cut-throat" razors for protection they tell inquiring police officers.

Teenage crime has been increasing rapidly in Britain during the last two or three years with outbreaks of gang-warfare and criminal attacks stretching from Scotland down to the English south coast.

Last year, when official figures of 21 committed 49 per cent of all crimes in Britain. More than 1,500 were gaoled, an increase of nearly 300 on 1956.

Vengeance

This year, when official figures are disclosed, the percentage is expected to increase considerably.

More often than not, vengeance is wreaked on unarmed policemen and on lone women. Within the last 18 days two policemen have been killed and nearly a score have been injured following encounters with members of the juvenile underworld.

Even the killing of the policeman last weekend—and death is the penalty for the murder of a police officer on duty—did not prevent another attack on a constable in London's West End on Wednesday.

This time two Teddy Boy gangs combined against a lone constable, seeking to disarm one youth. They surrounded him, beat him to the ground and kicked him as he lay there.

The gangs fled when reinforcements appeared. Juvenile gangs revelled in the racial riots in London's Notting Hill area and in Nottingham last August.

The law struck swiftly. Nine youths, the eldest of whom was 20, were gaoled for four years for going out on a "nigger-hunting" expedition.

This seemed to be the beginning of a new get-tough policy. The question now being asked in some quarters is: should this go further—should Britain's police force be armed? Since the start of the force, Britain's police have been equipped with only a wooden baton.—Reuter.

Judy Not Signing Yet

London, Dec. 19.
British Olympic Swimming Champion Judy Grinham today declined to sign a seven-year film contract on the grounds that she first wants to see if she likes film work.

She was offered the contract following scenes she has already shot for a film in which she plays the part of a physical training instructor.

Judy said tonight: "Naturally, I was pleased to be offered such a long-term contract, but I am not signing because I want to see if I like film work first."

The contract was offered by the associated British Film Corporation.—Reuter.

May Wants Fighting Batsmen

Launceston, Dec. 19.
Peter May, the England captain, said today the MCC "will have to have a more positive approach to batting" for the second half of their tour of Australia.

He paid tribute to the bowling, the many good innings so far and the wonderful spirit of the side but hoped that a more positive approach by MCC batsmen would prove the deciding factor in the tests.

He said Trevor Bailey, the Essex and England all-rounder, would be considered as an opening batsman for the match against South Australia at Adelaide from December 24 to 29.

May did not want to believe Bailey's test performance at Brisbane, which he regarded as a feat of concentration, but he did not want the side to get into a struggling frame of mind.

"Watson is coming back to form," May said. "I would like him to have a big innings before the second (beginning at Melbourne on 31 December 31) and hope we will see something of that in the next match at Adelaide."—China Mail Special.

REDIFFUSION

11 a.m. Death Of Vivien—Adapted from the 11th Century "Chanson de Guillaume"; 12 Noon, "The Time of the Year"; 12.30, "Three Men On A Horse"—San Lucas, Johnny Dennis; 1.30, "The Time of the Year"; 2.30, "The Conquest"—played by Hugh Waugh; 3.30, "The Time of the Year"; 4.30, "The Time of the Year"; 5.30, "The Time of the Year"; 6.30, "The Time of the Year"; 7.30, "The Time of the Year"; 8.30, "The Time of the Year"; 9.30, "The Time of the Year"; 10.30, "The Time of the Year"; 11.30, "The Time of the Year"; 12.30, "The Time of the Year"; 1.30, "The Time of the Year"; 2.30, "The Time of the Year"; 3.30, "The Time of the Year"; 4.30, "The Time of the Year"; 5.30, "The Time of the Year"; 6.30, "The Time of the Year"; 7.30, "The Time of the Year"; 8.30, "The Time of the Year"; 9.30, "The Time of the Year"; 10.30, "The Time of the Year"; 11.30, "The Time of the Year"; 12.30, "The Time of the Year"; 1.30, "The Time of the Year"; 2.30, "The Time of the Year"; 3.30, "The Time of the Year"; 4.30, "The Time of the Year"; 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